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KELLER



Fair Play



Friendship For All



FRY



WILSON



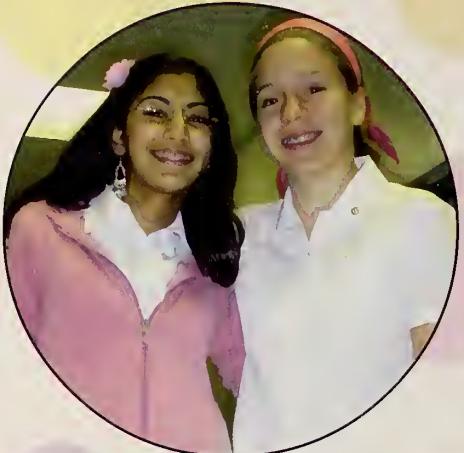
To Give Ourselves and
Never Count the Cost of
Others' Greater Need

Not For Ourselves Alone



NIGHTINGALE





Pink Accessory Day





Halloween



International Night

T H E S T A R S



Grads



Rebecca Allen

You can never find the right words to say - well, at least I can't. I've been at Elmwood for so long now that I'm very excited to leave, but I'm also going to miss it a lot. I have had lots of experiences, both good and bad, with lots of tears and lots of laughter. I can't believe we finally made it...Graduation...it's been 9 years and it's finally here. Brandy/Tom/My friends/my teachers – thank you all so much for making my school years so enjoyable. I don't know what I would've done without you. To all my friends, you know who you are ...I love you all so much!!!. I'm going to miss you girls, and wish you all the best of luck. I hope to see you all again, Go FRY, good luck, and good-bye.



*Rebecca
Allen*

Véronique Bélanger

First off I'd like to thank my parents for always giving me the motivation to keep me going; I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for them. I really enjoyed my two years at Elmwood as they have given me countless opportunities to broaden my horizons. My involvement with sports has allowed me to make new friends and learn skills that are very valuable. Teachers, thank you for your enthusiasm and patience; I learned to always give 100% in everything I do. Friends, you changed my life and I'll always remember the fun times we had – Duke of Ed, volleyball tournaments, CAIS, random times in spare, it was all so unforgettable... that's what you are haha! I'll miss you. Merci et bonne chance à toutes!



*Véronique
Bélanger*



Nazik Andiss

My only wish was to make my parents proud of me. I can honestly say that I have succeeded. Mom & Dad I want to thank you for all your support & love, especially during the hard times. Aniss, you don't know how much I really look up to you. The Girls: Katelyn your family, no doubt – too much love? Angela & Erica you guys are like my backbone, what would I do without you (the late night talks/ study sessions). Allie -VIP & Chris you've always been there for me. Beauvoir, Cabrera, Wong, Furlong Tadros, Watt, Tannis, Allen, Thornton, Ozbay?...I have so much love & respect for all of you! This has all gone by too fast but the memories are too real to forget

Adams/Main thank you for the inspiration
Summa Summarum, KEEP IT HIGH CLASS 06



*Nazik
Andiss*

Alexandra Billings

Thank you, all.



*Alexandra
Billings*



Sara Anderson

I can't believe high school is actually done and everyone's moving on. Zheng&Briyee, thanks for everything, Ms. Whitfield & Mme. Adams, I think you're fantastic teachers. My friends, (my support system) I love&thank you all sooo much. Ghada you're everything & I miss you. Maura/Iphigenia...from start2finish<3. Annie you never let me down &you're wonderful. Breee you are my sanity/Europeanbeauty!! (*32 seconds later*...EEeee..) Buchan you are my safe-place/go-to-hottie. Karlye you're always inspiramotivational-I hope we stay on the same page. Bungbung you're always a great ear no-matter-what. Quinn, we get the job done. Vero you're just crazy enough. We've all come a long way and it's absolutely time for new memories and better experiences. I wonder where we'll end up- I'll be ready for it with caffeine in my system and loud music in my ears. Much love.

Marna-Jean Brown

Wow, it's hard to believe that my high school journey has finally come to an end. I've had an amazing six year journey at Elmwood. I want to thank my parents and brother for their support; they have always truly believed in me and have been there to keep me on the right wave. For all of those who have contributed to my life: coaches, teachers, friends, family I couldn't have made it without you, especially Mrs.Neale thank-you. LH, AM, GC, LM, JC, AM, MC, and WD thank-you for all the memories (hockey games, concerts, Halloweens), you'll always be in my heart. Now my journey continues on the open waters, with my path wide open for the new adventures that I will encounter (aka I'll be fishing or chillin in downtown Thurso!).

Marna-Jean Brown

Jessica Batt-Sheehan

I don't think you can ever truly be prepared for life. But, if you're going to go somewhere to try Elmwood's a pretty stellar choice. The best part will be the people you meet and the inspiration and support they give you. I don't think I can ever impress upon you just how much that support has meant to me especially recently. I know the last few years haven't been easy for any of us. The one thing you can count on is that life will never be easy.

Much thanks to my Mother who taught me to live life to the fullest and never let yourself be weighed down with regret. Life goes on - live it to the fullest. Thanks for the amazing times Grads of 06!

QBatt

Virginia Brown

"Be a first rate version of yourself, not a second rate version of anyone else" If there's anything I've learnt these past six years, it's to be myself. THANK YOU to everyone who's ever made me laugh – that was the best part of the Elmwood Experience. Miss Hilary Brown – I know you're cooler than me – Ally – I like sharing food with you. Je vous aime and I'll miss you more than you know next year. Thanks Mom and Dad for the support and love – and all the drives to school. To the Class of 2006 – thanks for the support and the fun common room times – GOOD LUCK to everyone! Thanks to my teachers – Mrs.S, Mme A, Mr.M, everyone else – you've helped me achieve my potential. THANKS!

Virginia



Sarah Buchan



What can I say but thank you... Mum and Arianne: for the never-ending love and faith in me. I'm so lucky to have such incredible and inspiring people in my life. Friends: for the *love, laughter* and *unforgettable memories*. You mean the world to me. Teachers: for always answering my questions and reading past the word limit. Admin: for the encouragement, trust and listening to my ideas. You gave me such an incredible opportunity - I appreciate it more than you know. Girls in the wood: for making the experience fun and for coming everyday with such a positive attitude. I've learned so much from all of you. Remember to make the best of it...you never know what can happen. For the lessons, challenges, friendships and good times, I'm forever grateful.

Megan Cheung



Goodnight Elmwood

Goodnight stress
Goodnight vests
Goodnight mind-boggling biology tests
Goodnight tears and morning protests
Goodnight grads
Goodnight plaids
Goodnight fc
And goodnight IB
Goodnight gloom and goodnight doom
Goodnight function graphs and goodnight laughs
Goodnight (late) slips and goodnight (Duke of Ed) trips
Goodnight all-nighters
Goodnight fees
And goodnight to the Monday afternoon bullies
Goodnight CAIS
Goodnight peers
Goodnight mighty high school years

-with apologies to Margaret W. Brown

Breonna Burnatowski



Grads of the wood 06. We've made it & I think it's fair to say it's time to move on. Mom + Dad - thanks for everything, you're both an inspiration to me. I love you Maddy - Have fun @ Elmwood and keep smiling babushka "je suis une cocotte" The crew: we've done it all & you have proven to me you're ALL NUTS! Anne my bff- I love you, keep smiling. Best years of my life. Sara- I'll miss you Asia "E.T phone home" Karly & Buchan: all my love <3 Lo- "uh is that a tadpole in your shorts?" but in all seriousness - words can't express. Phil & Shane- you keep me sane..much love. Miss Lamb- thanks for the constant motivation. Congrats ladies *raise champagne glass* Here's to the old and the new.

Gwen Cowley

From fourpods to JAGPALL and the crazy long school days, the past 4 years have been filled with great times in and out of the Wood. To the amazing people I have met along the way, we are all just a phone call away. Thank you for the memories and friendships! Always remember: keep your chin up and smile! Thanks mom and dad for the unconditional love and support past present and future, and Oliver for being an awesome not so little, little brother - you make a beautiful princess.

"Today is your day, you're off to great places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head, and feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the girl who'll decide where to go. Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way!"



Anna Cameron

Wow... six years over already! (wait... six years here?? That means six years in Baobab! *gasp* now I feel old.) To start, I'd like to thank my family. They've helped me through more tears and laughter than I can imagine. I also have to thank my friends, who have kept me (almost) sane through my years here. (Hamelcar and Hasdrubal!) Thanks to Classics Club for helping me decide the rest of my life – the memories (and body paint) will last forever – when in doubt, just say Llama! To my teachers who have taught me more than the curriculum – thank you so much for everything. "And now for something *completely* different"

Anna Cameron

Willie Deneault

Wow, what a year, what an amazing span of six FULL years I have had at Elmwood ...now that's come I realize I can't possibly write all that I want!! Needless to say the thing I will miss most about this school is the people, our whole graduating year, I will miss each of you! I will also miss the wonderful teachers and staff we have here, special shout out to both Mrs. (Mc)A and Mrs. B!! Of course... to MY Bebot and GreNERD I love you Both TUNS and will miss our constant second cup, shredding, driving around and chillin, you're both the best EVER – what would/will I do without you!!!! I'll miss... my Frankchurchill and the party crew! PS- Keep on showin' ur true colours man... WORD! Peace it n Luv – Willie/willA

W. Deneault

Jennifer Cheetham

These past four years have been a whirlwind of ups and downs with a lot of laughs in between. || Mom: I look up to you and admire you so much. Thank you for your steadfast faith and constant source of inspiration. || Daddy: You have the kindest heart of anyone I know. "You're a good daddy!" When you are questioning Jamie and Peter, don't forget: "look on the sheet". I love you both! xox || Peter & Jamie: our dinner talk. <SIR + the yellow stripe>. Wasabis/anchovies. You can always make me laugh! xox. || Kay: you are the best friend a girl could have! I love you! || To my friends: I could not have done it without you, I wish you all nothing but the best next year. Miss you! || Thanks Mme Adams for everything. B'JOUR B'JOUR! || Congratulations Grads! Take life one day at a time & make the most of it! KissKiss. Jenny

Jenny Cheetham

Ayla Fish

In the end, what needs to be said is endless gratitude to the family, friends, and school that made me who I am today. For you, in the best way I know, I dedicate my famous and mysterious secret brownie recipe. [INGREDIENTS: 1 cup butter, 4 squares unsweetened chocolate, 2 cups sugar, 3 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla, 1 cup all-purpose flour, 6 oz semi-sweet chocolate chips] [RECIPE: Preheat oven to 325°F. Melt butter, chocolate in heavy medium saucepan over moderate heat. Beat in sugar gradually, combine thoroughly. Take off stove. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beat with spoon. Stir in vanilla, flour. Spread into buttered 13x9x2-inch pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Bake 35min.] Luv, as always, Ayla.

Ayla Fish



Ayaka Fujiwara

Cindy Fung

WOW... I made it. First off I'd like to thank Mom/Dad, for giving me the opportunity to study here. Mom/Dad, I had amazing years in Elmwood! Thank you for your love and support, I love you both. Thank you to the O'Connor family, I had a very comfortable home. Ayla, Cindy and all my friends – don't forget your AZN pride, ever! (or no future, man~) To Peggy and Dean: Thank you, I wouldn't have made it without your help and support. To all 13 members of the Story family, I really enjoyed your company, you are ALL awesome! Thank you to all my teachers, especially Mr. Welch - you taught me how fun English can be. And finally, to the Grads of 2006: Congratulations to you all, we made it!

Ayaka

Catherine Gibbard

I had a wonderful year in Elmwood and in Canada. First of all, I have to thank myself for deciding to study here. Though the school is small, there are many things going on, everyday! It's so much fun! I'd like to thank mom and dad for supporting me, giving me the opportunity to study here. I LOVE YOU BOTH! Yeah! AZN pride! I will never forget it...Ayla, Ayaka and all the friends – thanks for helping me get used to the school, the Canadian life and my English. To my uncle – Thanks, I would have had more difficulties being here without your help and support! Thanks to Mrs. Snider, I like your food and enjoy talking to you. I love you, Grandma! Finally, to all Grads 2006: We made it, Congratulations!

Fung

Kerri Haynes

Nothing to prove, nothing to say
La la la la la la lay!

PEACE OUT
SCREAMING MONKS

Catherine Gibbard

The time I have spent at Elmwood has been full of unforgettable years of laughter and memories. Thank you to all the teachers and staff that have contributed to my success and accomplishments. Grads '06: You're all astonishing, talented young women and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Thanks for the incredible memories. Mike: thank you for all your support and care through thick and thin. My Parents: thank you for all the love, support, and guidance you have so patiently given to me through the years. I love you both! To not only my sister but my best friend: "Sister's are forever and I so glad your mine." No matter what happens we will always be buddies! I will miss you all.

Kerri Haynes



Maria Furlong-MacInnis

It is hard for me to say goodbye to those who I will leave behind,
Thank you Lord, for the friends who will stay by my side.

Thanks Mum and Dad. I love you dearly for giving me this experience.

Nazik, Erica, Kate; Marnie, Liz, Anna, Cocoa, Zoemo;
Thanks to the friends who have helped me through my life who helped me to laugh, persevere and become who I am at the end of the day.

Teagan, Lang, Ghada – My sisters. You know me best of all.
Sara – My mother who takes care of me because I'm incompetent.
Coultry – I'll always remember you. (Constance)
Willie – Remember to stay close, my twin.
Emily and Courtney – Your laughs keep me going and love me for who I am.

I love you all.

Maria Furlong-MacInnis

Erica Hoe

"And all the roads we have to walk along are winding..." These past four years have been unforgettable, although I can't say that it was easy. But that's how I learned that what really matters isn't the little things that get in our way, but the moments that have made it worth the while. It's about the amazing people whose kindness and support have given me so much strength. It's about the nights out, parties, and heart-to-hearts – the love, the laughter, and the tears. It's about finding the person that I am, and being able to accomplish things that I have never even dreamt of. Mom&Dad you inspire me and I can't thank you enough.

Amy, Allie, Naz, Duret, Katie, Jena, Tina best girls always there to put a smile on my face. Watt, Steph, Angie, Mims making a year to remember. This isn't goodbye, this is just the beginning... ElmGrads'06 are gonna take over, just wait.

Margaret Galley

Even though we were 2 hours apart my ty ty always came to visit me! Especially on valentines day! And also if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have met all the sens including my fav WADE REDDEN! We had a blast in montreal when we stayed out late and racked up a HUGE bill!! Can't forget his 18th birthday!! I went on the best trip ever to Dominican with him and the fam! Can't count the times I never stopped laughing!! Ill never forget rusty or the lumina! Pepper and ketchup!! Skiiier! I met some wicked people here and had loads of fun this year! I'll never forget my miserable best friend or rabbi who always drives me! SUBWAY! Friends and fam love you all! Peace!
Marge



Elizabeth Howard

Margaret Galley

Elizabeth Howard

Throughout the past four years I have made so many friends and memories that will last a life time. From Wonderland, the Mont Cascade incident, all the Duke of Edinburgh trips, 3 months in France, Montreal, the West coast and the numerous shopping adventures and parties; they've all been amazing and memorable.

Thank you to all my friends for always being there for me and I wish you all the best of luck next year. To the IB crew, we managed to pull it off somehow despite many set backs, and at least we've all become the best of friends, (and no more English classes!). Thank you to everyone who has made the past 4 years so wonderful. "Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning." Much love – Lizzie

Annaliese Judge



To The Grads of '06
We made it! It's been long, we've all had days where it seemed easier to try and nail Jello to a tree, rather than go to class, but we finished! Here's some advice for next year, & the rest of our lives.

Avoid parking tickets by leaving windshield wipers turned to fast whenever leaving your car parked illegally.

If you look like your passport picture, you need a holiday!
Never throw balls at ceiling fans.
If you can't convince someone, confuse them

Therapy is expensive, popping bubble wrap isn't!

If life gives you lemons, make lemonade! If life gives you rotten lemons, throw them back at life & demand fresh ones.

Most importantly, if at first you DO succeed, try not to look so astonished!!
Congrats girls!

Annaliese Judge

Christine Leduc

My three years at Elmwood have been more meaningful than I could ever imagine. I am so grateful to have been given the chance to spend my last years of high school with you. Mom, Dad, Steph, Don and Jackie, thank you so much for all your support and help. I can't even begin to express how thankful I am to have you as my family. To all the teachers- you have shown immense patience, endless support, and constant enthusiasm and as we panic and struggle through our work, you are always just an e-mail away. Words can't describe how much of an impact you've had on my life. Elmwood has taught me to appreciate what I am given and make the most of what I already have. I will miss the familiar feel of Elmwood's halls and the shocking smells of the common room. Good luck grads '06.

Christine Leduc

Caroline Kingston

"All my real IB people throw your hands up!" (Andy Wang) Looking back, this year has been very busy with the skating, ballet, and of course, full IB. However, Elmwood and its teachers have tried their hardest to make this year better for all of us through adversity and seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Shout out to all my teachers, peers, relatives + friends who had to put up with me complaining about Extended Essays and the like, I would never have made it through without you guys

Caroline

Erin MacDonald

Well girls this year has finally ended! It has come pretty fast. Now its time to head off to university/ college and get away from your parents!! I wish you all the best and continue striving for your dreams. I had a great year here and will miss all of you. Good luck!

Erin MacDonald



Anne Kirwan

Where do I begin? It's been an amazing 4 years full of so many laughs that I can't even count. As long as it may have seemed during my time at the wood, I can't believe it's all over. A huge thank-you goes out to my family who have been there every step of the way. Breebo-prancing and laughing until it hurts. Buchan-a bundle of energy and excitement that always cheers me up. Sara-never ending phone calls. Wongy-sitting and talking until the middle of the night. To all my friends, you guys mean the world to me and I'll never forget our random adventures and late night expeditions. Grads '06, I couldn't have asked for a better grad class and you will all do amazing things in the future. GOOD LUCK!



Lorena Mason

How do I even begin to put 12 years into 130 words? From grade 1 to 12; from choir to yearbook; the golf course to the soccer field. I've had some great times at Elmwood. I want to thank a few teachers for their support along the way: Mr. Main, Ms. Szymanski and Ms. Tweedie. I especially want to thank Mrs. Neale for everything (chocolate milk). To my parents: thanks for all your support and love throughout the years. To my friends; I'll miss you next year; we've had some great times (KCC, B-Unit). To the grads of 2006: good luck in all your endeavours, wherever you may go.

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." – Robert Frost



Rosemary Lazier

To Red Bull, coffee, cappuccino, tea, and all members of the caffeine family, I love you and I couldn't have survived all-nighters without you by my side. The 'Wood' has been a dark forest sometimes: "The ['Wood' is] lovely, dark and deep/ But I have promises to keep/ and miles to go before I sleep..." (Frost). Sometimes I really did have miles to go before I could get some sleep. But there have always been rays of sunlight coming through. Thank you to the friends and teachers who brightened my journey! My parents, thanks for everything. Thank you Elmwood, for making me a fighter.

"Into the 'Wood and out of the 'Wood"



Ashley Mays

Wow, I can't believe high school is over. These past two years have been amazing. Elmwood has given me the opportunity to try many new things from water polo to duke of ed. Thank you mom, dad and Jordan for all of your support and love. Thanks to all my teachers who have helped me along the way. Thanks to all of my friends (KCC, B-UNIT) for making my experience at Elmwood wonderful. I am going to miss you all next year. To the Grads of 2006, good luck with everything! We made it!

"Dream great dreams and make them come true!"




Anna McKay



Play in the pouring rain.
Dance when there's no music.
Walk barefoot in the sand.
Lay under the stars.
Share secrets with friends.
Laugh until it hurts.
& remember every minute of it,
Because you only get one life.
Wow, 8 years at Elmwood have
gone by in a flash of plaid,
long Monday assemblies, and
unforgettable memories. To all
of my teachers; you have never
failed to go beyond 'the call of
duty' and that will always be
admired. To my family for;
years of early morning drives,
your unfailing support and
your ability to find humour in
all situations. To my friends,
even those of the non-
Elmwood variety, we've had so
many amazing times and I'm
sure there will be many more to
come!

Much love to wannabes. xoxo

Anna McKay



Sarah Quinn

I can almost see the real world!
To my girls SB, SA, KW, AK,
BB, KH, VBLM, VB, thanks for
the great times. Duret, you're
my BFFL, this year's been
hilarious. Stealth bombers, we
are the coolest, sneakiest folks
around. MTL, 18th Bday, CCA,
Thursday Works, JJ, Nightingale,
Soccer, Field Hockey,
eternal spare, dead goldfish,
everything! As tumultuous as
this year has been, and no matter
how much I've complained,
nothing can beat this. I finally
know how lucky I am to be here.
Mom and Daddy, 70 grand later,
thank you. To the teachers who
make everything worthwhile,
Mme Adams, the McCabes, Mrs.
Szymanski, Mrs. Bradley (Are
you sick of me yet!?), thank
you. "Well behaved women
rarely make history," - Laurel
Ulrich. Go jump out a window.

Sarah Quinn

Kate Meehan

Mom, Dad and Mike thank you
so much for your support. I love
you and thanks for giving me
the opportunity to have one last
year at Elmwood. To all my
friends: You mean so much to
me! Thanks for always being
there. Mrs. Boychuk, you are
the most dedicated and kind
teacher, thank you for including
me in your productions. Love to
all the Theatre girls, you are
such amazing actresses! Last,
but not least, the Jr. School! I
have learnt so many important
lessons and had so many
wonderful experiences with you
all. You are the future of
Elmwood and we have a lot to
look forward to! Thank you
Elmwood for the life changing
experiences!

Love to all

Kate Meehan



Geneviève Roach

Wow, I can't believe that 4
years of high school is
done...finally!! First, I want to
thank my mom and dad who
have supported me through
these 4 years, to all the teachers
especially this year going out
of your way to help me.
Especially to all the girls
through tears & laughter –
Emma & Steph {One last
Mowww}. WD, EH, MF, MG &
CL. AM, & JC {all the good
drives - awaaaaayyy}. I don't
know what I would do without
you girls this year. Thanks for
always being there for me and
not letting me give up. Bring
on many more memories too
come. **Spice Girls Forever**.
ThereWereMomentsWeLaughedNCried.
WeAlwaysStoodByEachOthersSide.
ThoseManyDaysWeSpentTogether,
TheyWillStayInMyHeartForever.
Love you girls. XoxO



Isabelle Mercier

Confucius once said 'Real knowlegde is to know the extent of one's ignorance.' In that respect, I truly believe IB has given me more knowledge than all of my 3 years at Elmwood. Let this be a warning to the younger ones. But honestly, this year was great (if you ignore the breakdowns and the tears and the illness that came as a result of too much stress) and I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. I'll miss all of you guys next year.

Isabelle

Parysa Salemi

I never thought I'd make it to the day I had to write my grad write-up... Time has just flown by! To my parents, thank you for always believing in me. Thank you to my teachers for all of your help and support during my time at Elmwood. A special thanks to my friends – I would not have been able to survive high school without you guys! I'm going to miss you all so much! To the Grads of 2006: Congrats! We made it!

"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."

Parysa Salemi

Alexandra Pattee

These past four years have gone by so fast. Thank you Mom for pushing me to be the best I can be, and to my family; always there for me. Thank you Charlotte, my 'chi dawg', you're the best sister I could ever have. Thanks to all the Elmwood Girls, we've had awesome times; Cuba, volleyball, Egypt, queens e=mc², hockey team, math class, physics 11, duke of ed,...love it all. And of course the Dominican girls, I wouldn't want to share those experiences with anyone else, love you amigas, peace it! Jessie and Adriana it's been a blast! To my greNerd, soooo much to say, love ya 4ever & ride till the end babe. Fortune Halfpipe hunnies-Girls Ride Harder! Good Luck Grads 06 it's been awesome. peace n love



Talia Sechley

As time alone stands still for some
Stuffed sailor up with eyeball sun
And if by castle ship should stray
It has like you no chosen fate for
It is a tongue-tied caboose that leads [us].
And should mouth
Confuse my foggy mirror and reveal
What is not there I shall take this
Unbound train away...



Run the lip off sunshine shore
Betray white water
Delay dark forms
Slap young waves on wooden bones
Don't touch the laughter and away we go!

Talia



Angela Skaff



Don't cry because it's over, SMILE because it happened! We did it Class '06, and I couldn't have done it without the influence of my teachers, friends, family and especially my parents. Mom, Dad, I can't thank you enough for the way you've raised me, your wise words, your love, care and endless financial and emotional support. I love you, Doly & Marie with all my heart. Amira my #1; Dwight Crescent Baby, 18yrs, and now we're going off to university together. "LIKK SHOU YA MAN". Memories ENDLESS, Goodtimes COUNTLESS, Luv ya Sis. Nazik, bio tests are JUST the beginning, ready for the MCAT's? TANNIS/SKAFF TakeOver, sick times in the benz. Ton-I thanks for all the "tutoring sessions". Ms. Naufal "Waliii!" congratulations you're going to be a great Lebanese mother. Sultan, Hoe, Dietz, Leduc, Watt, Gwenis? MuchLuvGirls (L)Yalla Peace!

Angela Skaff

Amira Tadros

CRAZYYY! I wanna shout out to Angelina, my #1 sis for life, LOVE YOU, just gotta say LIKK SHOU YA MAN, SHOU YA CUZZ. Can't forget Naz, Steph, Erica, Laura, Emma, Missy, Noreen, Jaz love you girls we roll together we stay together(k) Mrs. Moffat, the Lebanese mother I never had; you've always made me laugh thanks for pushing me to get to where I am today. You're a wonderful & caring person, I wish you the best and I'm going to MISSYOU SO MUCH! My awesome parental's, without your support and encouragement I wouldn't have been able to accomplish as much as I have ILOVEYOU. Adam I love you with all my heart I'll always be here for you. The Skaff's, Lamia's, and Maatouk's you've been a great second family and with that I LOVE YOU ALL! YALLA PARTYY~Congratulations~Grads06 BABYY(K)

Amira Tadros

Courtney Smith



Elmwood, goodbye, honoured to have been an eagle, but now I'm outta here! Mum and Dad I love you, thanks for everything. (M-the stresses of boys+school, D-the stresses of sports!). T-bone you're my man, I love you so much, *penguintwirlyface*...Nanny you're amazing, I admire everything about you. Auntie, thanks for the support. Emily, thanks for always being there, understanding and all the laughs, bother me...bother you, we survived a prefect meeting!-nova scotia!! Buchan -pro is in proud and I'm proud of my pro!! CM - I love you, thanks all the laughs and good times...Maura, memories of law class and Stratford. Olivia you'll do great things, keep smiling no matter what! Nealer, Bob, Ms. Lamb and all my other great teachers, thanks for everything! Sting-tournaments, jokes, and parties! LOVE YOU ALL!

Courtney Smith

Stephanie Tannis

4 long years to remember, and each one so different. All of the ups and downs, tears, laughs, heart-to-hearts, and nights out are what has made these last 4 years so memorable. Mom and Dad, I can't thank you enough, your love and support mean so much. Yas; been through it all - 12yrs- SDC, sj's, cruising, florida, summer05, jokes, parties, concerts, g's, sleepovers... all trips bud! Adam; I love you, it's been amazing. Miss, Angie & Mimi; 4 years of countless memories & good times - love you girls! Kat, Alannah, Emma, Naz, Chris, Erin, Erica; thanks for all of the laughs, talks & great memories - you girls have made this last year unforgettable. Class06, we did it! No regrets baby...peace.

Stann

Tara Sprott



I just wanted to say thank you to my teachers, family, friends and boyfriend of three years in August for being there for me and helping me get through high school. I am excited and nervous for the next chapter in my life in the road to discovering myself. Take every chapter of your life as new experience to shaping you into the woman you will become. As we are all going to be going in separate paths, I wish all of you happiness and prosperity for your future. My parting quote is from P.C. Cast who wrote Goddess of light, "love as if you'll never get hurt".

Tara
Marisha Tardif

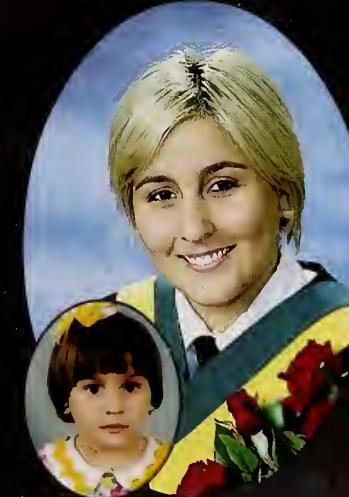
So long and thanks for all the fish.

PEACE OUT
SCREAMING MONKS,
Buff Birds vs. the music
for evs.

Xx

Marisha Tardif

Blair Stein



Wow. I never thought I'd be writing this – eight years at Elmwood and I've never thought about this.

My time at Elmwood has been full of marvelous people. All my friends, you mean everything. The sleepovers, phone calls, coffee runs, seeing your faces in the audiences of my plays. I love you.

To my various Elmwood gangs: theatre, Tartan Tattler, waterpolo, Musical Revue, debating...stay fabulous, okay? I'll visit, I promise. "If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good." – Dr. Seuss

Thanks, Mom and Dad, for letting me be whatever I wanted. I have no words.

Rachel, you are the best big little sister I could want. Promise me that you won't ever change.

I had fun, and that's good.

airplanes and showtunes,
Blair



Adriana Tejera

God, thank you for always being there.

Miserable
BF: Thanks for always being there, you know how I love you.
Subway J Bego: You're hilarious! Love you!
Alex and Willie: Love u both! My friends back home, I am the person I am today because of all of you, thanks for every memory we've shared.
LQM: Ma, Pa, Chan, Bon, Eddy, Charlie: I don't know what I'd do without all of you, thank you for always being there by my side every time I've needed any kind of support. I love you all, more than you can imagine.
Lore: My best friend, sister, cousin, everything. You are and will always be my favourite person in the world.
MA: My "sister", Love you!
Elias: To infinity and beyond!
Pecas: Love you!
Horacio: What would be the moon without the sun? / Peace!

Jessica Thompson



With attending Elmwood for 6 years, comes a number of big Thank-you's. Thank-you most of all to my mom and dad; as a family, we have been through so much, and still you continue to love, support, challenge and guide me. I am so blessed to have you in my life. *I thank you and love you from the bottom of my heart.* Thank-you Joe for encouraging me to be the best that I can be, your inspirational and an angel, my 1&only, *I love you bebe.* My heartfelt thank-you goes to my teachers for all your help, lessons, and kind words! Thank-you to my friends, I couldn't imagine these years without you. These times were *truly unforgettable!* Congratulations to the class of 2006! Good luck on the years ahead!

Anna Warunkiewicz

the years go by
the time it does fly
every single second
is a moment in time
that passes oh, so quick
and it seems like nothing
but when you're looking back
well it amounts to everything
I've got myself ...
I've got my friends
I've got my little family
but that's not where it ends
this one goes out to you
it goes out to everyone
it's in the name of honesty
because life has just begun
- 1234 1234 – Catch 22

A special thanks to Jones,
Jordache, Wynona and George
Eric Lennon.

A handwritten signature of Anna Warunkiewicz.

Jessie Thornton

Woah! The last 6 years have gone by sooo fast! To my parents, Thanks for always pushing me to be the best I can. Mum, you are the greatest mother and role model that anyone could ever ask for. Adriana, Im gunna miss our outings! Amira, TO was the best trip ever! Lucy, Miss you soooo much – grade 12 wasn't the same without you! Alex, we've had some amazing times that I will never forget - who let the dogs out A-L-L-E-X. Justine, thanks for being my partner in crime!!!. Willie there are no words to describe how grateful I am for everything. NA, AS, CL thanks for all the great moments! Last but not least all of my Teachers, thank you for your constant support! Grads of '06 we made it! Love always

A handwritten signature of Jessie Thornton.

Emmalynne Watt

Wow...It went fast! Goodluck to everyone Im happy to have graduated with such a great group of people. I wanna thank my parents for providing me with such a good education, I love you both. Sadly a final goodbye to my BHS'ers, spicegirls, twinklegirls, Mow. Bowzer cya in MarioLand, we had LOTS of laughs, Bahamas, Tremblant, The bubble, The Church...BuisnessPartners for life! Megan thanks for the great memories Ill never forget you because ill always know you. Elle luvya! FEDACHEESE! BFF Pat Scott without you I wouldn't be here

Alex (choda) I have known you 4ever and WILL know you 4ever, we are defiantly growing old together I CFHDyou. Nazik, Erica, Emma D, Angie, Mimi(eee), Steph you guys made the year unforgettable! Marc Je t'aime Auf Wiedersehen Peace out girls



Sandra van der Jagt



After 9 years at Elmwood I can hardly believe the time has actually come to say goodbye. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the best of those 9 years! Mom and Dad: thank you for this opportunity and all your support through it. All my teachers: Thank you for everything! You have taught me more than you know! Mrs. Boychuk and the theatre girls: thank you for the unforgettable theatre years. You are all so talented. Good luck in the years to come! I'll never forget all my beautiful, hilarious, and crazy friends who have helped to shape my life so much! You will all go so far and I love you! Good luck class of 2006! Go out there and do something remarkable!

Sandra

Emily White

WE DID IT! WOOT WOOT 6 yrs have come and gone like a flash and the memories are incredible. My friends here have changed my life for the better, you know who you are and love you all so much. 'We have the same brain.' We survived a prefect meeting. Shhhneaky !Party Crew! BFF Super Heroes. Can't forget the PV! For my ladies that I leave behind it's been good times and I've had a blast I will miss you greatly. Thanks to my teachers and admin here at Elmwood. Thanks, My dearest family for putting up with me throughout my crazy days in the wood. Grads '06 have a blast at UNI. Love you all! Ps. My mom thinks I'm cool.

Emily White

Hope Villeneuve

1. « a prayer for the wild at heart, kept in cages. » -williams.
for those who have given, from whom I have taken, with whom I have shared: thank you, and for those to whom I owe everything I know, believe, and am; you encompass the everything, persevere.

2. « true friends stab you in the front. » -wilde,

choose your battles, and fight only those worth fighting for.

3. « vi veri veniversum vivus vici. » -goethe.

for you – though I may never meet you, laugh with you, or cry for you; I hope you understand what I mean when I say, I love you, and were you beside me today, I would hear you sing your song. but even now, I see you dig up your dreams.
scientia potestas est. <3.

Hope

Liz Wilson

First and foremost, I have to thank my parents. Mom and Dad, you didn't get nearly the amount of credit you deserved for all that you've done. Thank you for every opportunity that you have given me; it has truly meant more to me than I can ever explain. To the grads, you have been my life the last 4 years, some of you even longer, and I can't imagine not seeing you in September. To the rugby team; to have had the chance to spend so much time with each of you has been amazing. Karlye, we've gotten to know each other so well in the last few years, and you are one of the greatest people I've ever met, and probably ever will. Annie, I'm going to miss you so much next year. You always bring a smile to my face even when you're not trying to be funny. Admin-thanks for all the help you've been, your work never goes unnoticed. To all the girls coming up: make the most of the last year. It happens pretty fast and before you know it will be over. If you want something to change, do something about it; you're the one that's going to have to make things happen. Peace out. Much love.



Mandara Wiwekaruk



PFF SHH UPPP!!! 11 Test
Icicles R.I.P
PEACE OUT SCREAMING
Monks,
Buff Birds
Vs.
The Music
for evs.

MWV



Kerlye Wong

Four years of the most unappealing shade of green has only made the sky bluer. Firstly, love to every teacher, coach, and person who has redefined my education into something so much more. I'm enormously grateful for having INCREDIBLE friends and the wild, unforgettable experiences: Operation CMC Sudbury, cowboy boots Calgary, triclops, spideysenses, dirtybrebun...much love for making Elmwood the best Seinfeld episode ever. Finally, thank you Mom, Dad, and Carm. I cherish everything: keeping me grounded, your trust and support, and those snowstorm drives all over Ontario. Love you! Grads, best wishes! Hitch your wagon to a star...peace&love

KW



U N D E R S T U D I E S



Undergrads

JK Mrs. Pike



Cinderella

Ashton: Cinderella; I like princesses

Haigann: President- Anastasia (Step Sister);
she wears yellow

Iman: Stepmother; she always says "Girls,
girls!"

Emily: Fairy Godmother; she is magical and
good

Fatema: Cinderella; I like to be a princess

Melanie: Cinderella; I like Cinderella

Emma: Cinderella. I like her pink dress

Alexis: Druzella (Step Sister); I like her purple
dress

Hannah: Cinderella; I like dressing up



Iman
Abdulla'



Emma
Boushey.



Haigann
Fevrier-President



Emily
Haebe



Fatema
Jarrud



Hannah
Javanpour



Alexis
Judlin



Melanie
Li



Ashton
Yau



Mrs. Pike

SK Mrs. Wiley



Mary Poppins

Sarah-Mariah: Jane Banks, because she sings.
Bronte: Mary Poppins, because she likes to sing songs.

Anne-Marie: Mary Poppins, because she lives on a cloud and she can fly.

Julia: Jane Banks, because she's cute.

Eva: Mary Poppins, because she's beautiful, she sings songs and she can fly with her umbrella.

Alex: Bert, because he flaps his wings and flies (he's trying to be a penguin)

Alexandra: Mary Poppins, because she flies with her umbrella and she snaps her fingers and the toys are put away.

Mi Yen: Marry Poppins, because I like her pretty dress.

Ava: Mary Poppins, because she's very nice.

Sophia: Marry Poppins, because she looks beautiful.

Binta: Marry Poppins, because she can fly.

Maja: Mary Poppins, because when she snaps her fingers the toys go flying into order.

Kyra: Jane, because she could snap her fingers before the boy.

Marie-Michelle: Mary Poppins, because I like her.

Anna: Jane, because she's cute.



Alexandra Akman



Bronte Assadzadeh



Sophia Avisar



Alexandra Blackadar



Binta Goodridge



Mi Yen Ho



Sarah-Mariah Khoumsi



Marie-Michelle Lalonde



Anne Lavallée



Kyra Ling Jay



Ava Mierins



Maja Pawlisz



Julia Robinson



Anne-Marie Rusu



Eva Sabine



Mrs. Wiley



1 Ms. Breen



Chloe
Bonnet



Julia
Brazeau



Cailin
Craigen



Hoda
Darwish



Mallory
Fung Kee
Fung



Ciara
Halloran



Andrew
Hanna



Helen
Hume



Sarah
Jackson



Katie
McAdam



Sheetza
McGarry



Thomas
Montgomery



Patrick
Pratapas



David
Schramm



Sophia
Swettenham



Sarah
Vickers



Karina
Wang



Julian
Yau



Anthony
Zhong



Ms. Breen



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Andrew: Sleepy; he is funny

Anthony: The Bird; the bird is cute and he can sing

Cailin: Dopey; he is funny and floppy

Chloé: Snow White; she is so pretty and she acts nicely

Ciara: A Bunny; it is fun

David: Sleepy; he is sleepy a lot

Helen: The Magic Mirror; I like the Magic Mirror

Hoda: Happy; I would be nice to everyone

Julia: Sleepy; he is so funny because he falls on his desk

Julian: Grumpy; he becomes happy at the end

Karina: Snow White; she is beautiful and kind

Katie: Snow White; I would feel like a princess

Mallory: Snow White; she is pretty and kind

Patrick: A Deer; I think they are cute

Sarah J.: Snow White; she is pretty and nice

Sarah V.: Snow White; in ballet I was Snow White and I was very good

Sheetza: Queen; she is evil

Sophia: Grumpy; he is funny

Thomas: A Bunny; bunnies are cute

2 Mrs. Huggins



The Nutcracker

Nicholas: The soldier because it is cool.

Hannah: The mouse king because I do not want to be a main character.

Nicola: Clara because I like her.

Jacob: The nutcracker because I would like to kill the mouse king.

Alex: The Sugar Plum Fairy because I believe in fairies and I love them.

Fumi: The Sugar Plum Fairy because I liked her adventure.

Zack: The soldier because he is one of Clara's presents.

Adam: The soldier because I want freedom.

Rebecca: Clara because she is one of the main characters.

Margaret: Sugar Plum Fairy because I can dance well.

Tony: The soldier because I like the hats, uniforms and weapons.

Astrid: Clara because I like queens and I like boys.

Meera: Clara because I loved the adventure she went to.

Chloe: Pink angel because I like angles

Brooke: An angel because my cousin was an angle.

Joshua: The nutcracker because it would be fun to fight the mouse king.

Sofia: The Sugar Plum Fairy because she is kind.

Philip: The mouse because I like the mouse.



Nicola Denison



Hannah Dolhai



Jacob Gay



Adam Groper



Joshua Haebe



Astrid Hoytun Jaeger



Tennyson Kainz-Potter



Anthony Li



Chloe Lucas



Brooke Mierins



Nicholas Morrison



Philip Murray



Alex Parizeau



Margaret Pateman



Rebecca Seward-Langdon



Zack Shemenski



Fumi Shibutani



Meera Singla



Sofia Zhang



Mrs. Huggins

3 Mr. Adams



The Secret Garden

Michaela: Robin
 Brooks: Robin
 Louisa: Mary L.
 Paige: Mary L.
 Katya: Martha
 Claudius: Martha
 Noni: Martha
 Kyler: Ben Weathers
 Ras: Ayah
 Kerson: Ben Weathers
 Alex: Dickon
 Larissa: Mary L.
 Rachel: Robin
 Kim: Dickon
 Jenna: Robin
 Claire: Martha
 Rebecca: Mrs. Medlock
 Zakiya: Mary
 Alana: Dickon



Zakiya
Abdullah



Claire
Avisar



Alana
Bobra



Larissa
Bobra



Katya
Brooks



Claudia
Cinotti Ballarte



Kim
Godin



Rebecca
Godin



Maaike
Gooderham



Louisa
James-Beswick



Michaela
Kainz-Potter



Kerson
Leong



Rachel
McGinn



Brooks
McMurray



Jenna
Moledina



Alex
Montgomery



Ras-Jeevan
Obhi



Noni
Shemenski



Paige
Tremblay



Kyler
Wang



Mr. A

4G Mrs. Gerspacher

Beauty and the Beast



Lilly M. Dust: Belle's Dad, Papa
Jessica Kotzeff: Fifi
Scout Frewer: Belle
Allison Bui: Chip
Selena Saikaley: Candle
Katia Tawagi: Clock
Alyssa Shenassa: Teapot
Gigi Nguyen: Gaston
Alana Shahbazian: Belle
Anna Gow: Beast
Priyanka Goel - Belle



Allison
Bui



Lilith
Dost



Scout
Frewer



Priyanka
Goel



Anna
Gow



Jessica
Kotzeff



Gigi
Nguyen



Selena
Saikaley



Alana
Shahbazian



Alyssa
Shenassa



Katia
Tawagi



Mrs.
Gerspacher

4Z Ms. Zemlak



The Nightingale

Melissa: The nightingale because I care for people

Joa: The kitchen maid because she is confident, caring, brave, gentle and thoughtful

Emily: I would choose to be a death character because I want to know what it feels like to scare people.

Megan: The nightingale because it was not concerned in getting a lot of gold.

Alex: I would chose to be the Kitchen Maid because I think I am thoughtful and brave like she was.

Priya: I would like to be the Cavalier because I am smart, truthful and cooperative like he was.

Sarah: I would choose Death because I like scary things

Laura: The Nightingale because I love to sing and I love birds.

Chloe: I would choose to be the Emperor because he is wise truthful and respectful.

Merrin: I would chose to be the Kitchen Maid because she was confident, gentle and kind.

Courtney: I would be the Kitchen Maid Girl because I help my mom in the Kitchen

Lindsay: I want to be the Nightingale because I am a true friend and I would comfort anyone if they were ill.

Ms. Zemlak: I would be the Nightingale because she worked hard and tried to please others.



Lindsay
Brandy



Laura
Dodge



Melissa
Dodge



Chloe
Forgie- Williams



Emily
Groper



Joa
Hoshizaki



Merrin
Lalonde



Megan
McGinn



Sarah
Melloul



Courtney
Mulock



Priya
Muradina



Alexa
Naccarato



Ms. Zemlak

Ms. Ostiguy



Into The Woods

Grace: Lucinda (the step sister). I've always loved the cartoon

Eleanor: Cinderella I love the movie!

Melissa: Snow White I LOVE the movie.

Hannah: Baker. I really like baking.

Kayla: baker's wife. I like to dress up and look very silly.

Julia H: Baker. I could invent new things.

Alexandria: baker. I enjoy playing a baker.

Melissa Y: I like the giant because it is tall.

Tori: Grandmother. I would have fun being old.

Sarah: Sleeping Beauty. It is my favorite disney princess.

Emily: Wolf. He is big and sneaky.

Adriana: Rapunzel. I want to have long hair.

Noor: Sleeping Beauty. I think she is pretty.

Rebecca: Little Red Riding Hood. I want to meet a wolf.

Taina: Stepmother. I've always been bossy.

Ameera: Baker. I've always wanted to bake yummy bread.

Becky: Lucinda. The step sisters were so funny.

Julia D: Mysterious man. I like to dress up in dark clothes.

Jordana: Rapunzel. We both have long hair.

Ivy: Witch. It is a great role.

	Hannah Boomer		Rebecca Boucher		Ivy Bregman		Grace Crolla		Noor Darwish		Julia Davis		Katya Duncan		Julia Hewitt		Eleanor James-Beswick		
	Adriana Moeller		Ameera Moledina		Emily Montgomery		Alexandria Nguyen		Melissa Noel		Jordana Polisuk		Rebecca Robinson		Sarah Seward-Langdon		Melissa Yelle		Ms. Ostiguy

6S Ms. Schmidt



Juliana: Sandy
 Stephanie: Miss Hannigan
 Isabelle: July
 Yulia: Molly
 Veronica: Boylan sister
 Birte: Duffy
 Fiona: Tessy
 Emma D.: Daddy Oliver Warbucks
 Katrine: Frack
 Emma L.: Kate
 Elsa: Grace Farrell
 Bronwyn: Annette
 Caroline: Boylan sister
 Haley: Punjab
 Sahar: Pepper
 Sophie: Frick
 Andrea: Annie
 Brianna: Pepper
 Alisha: Tessie
 Kelly: Molly



Juliana
Assaly



Stephanie
Babinski



Isabelle
Baxter



Yuliya
Belik



Veronica
Bleeker



Birte
Brockmann



Fiona
Davidson



Emma
Dolhai



Katrine
Lightstone



Emma
Lynn



Els
Mirz



Bronwyn
Moore



Caroline
Mulock



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Kelly
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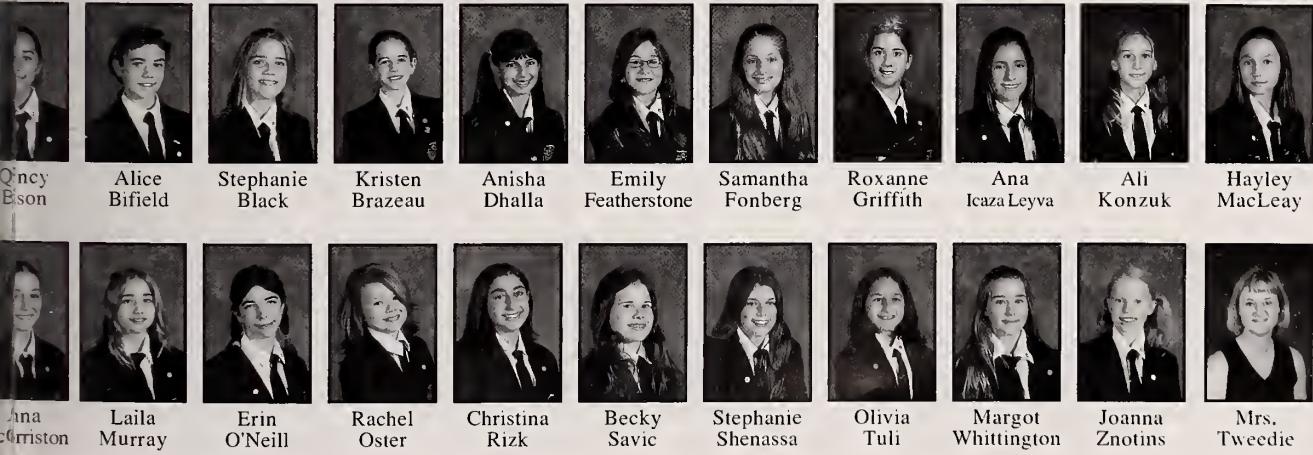
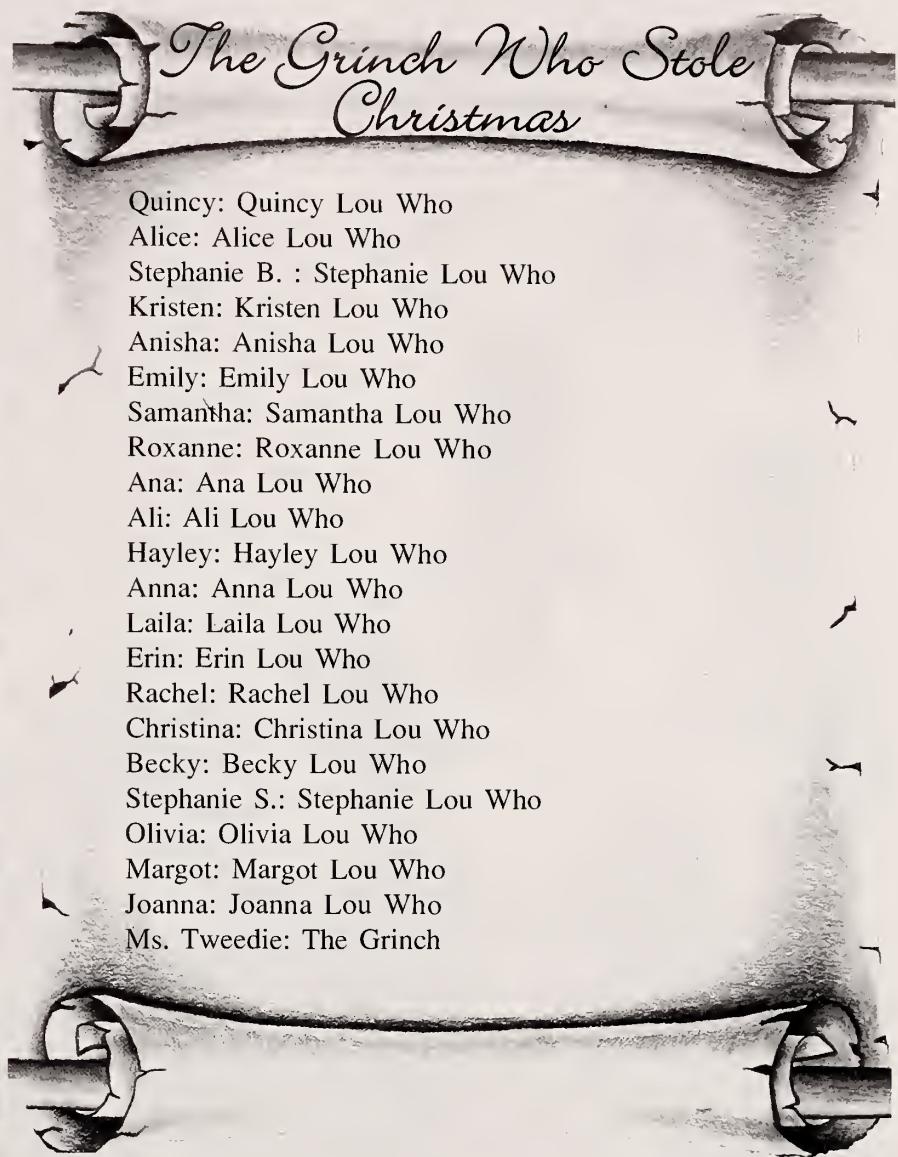


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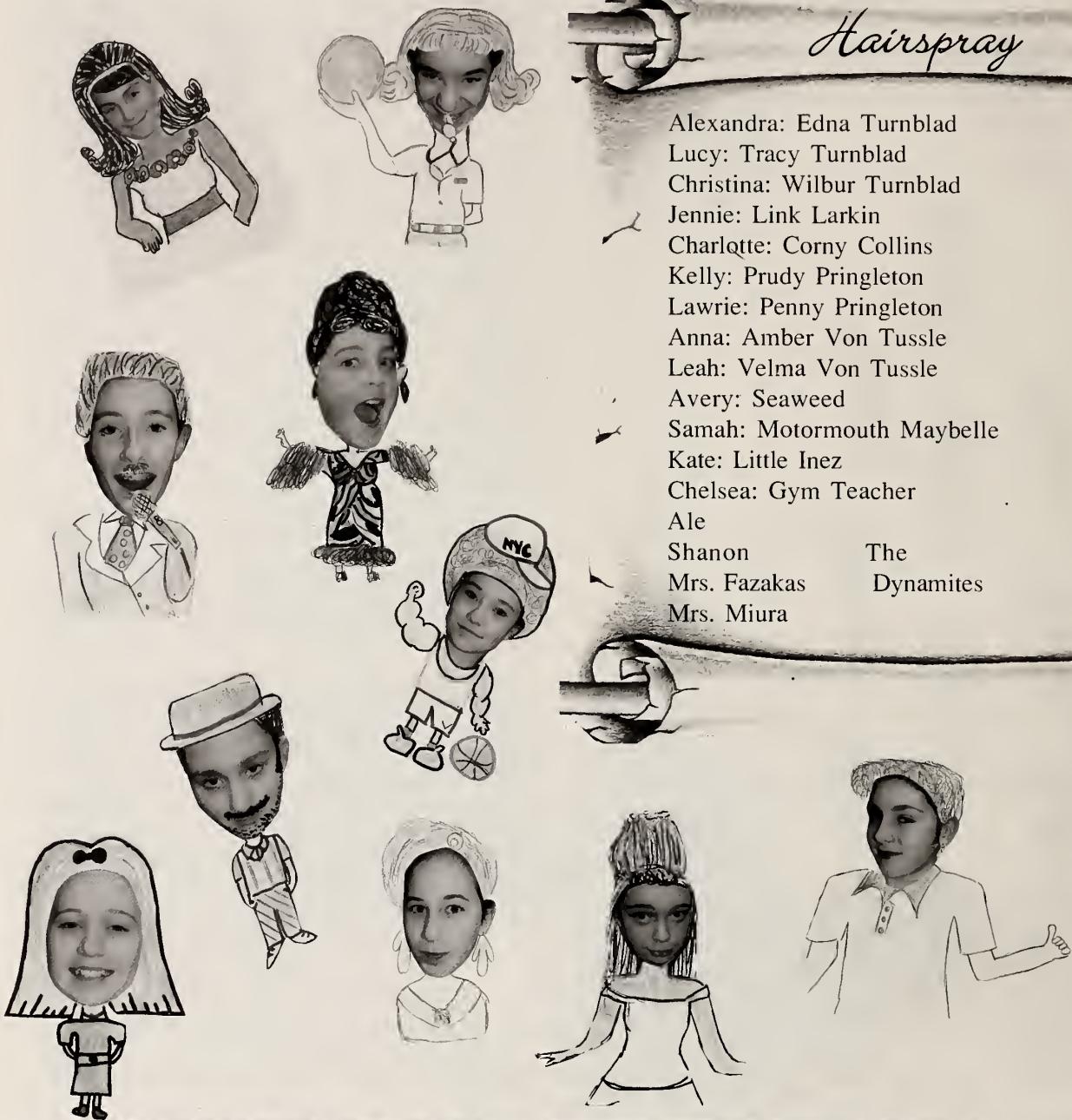
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7AB Mrs. Miura

Mrs. Fazakas

Hairspray



Kate
Amirault



Alessandra
Cinotti Ballarte



Shannon
Currie



Jen
Day



Alexandra
Grinfeld



Anna
Hoftun
Jaeger



Lucy
Holden



Kelly
Hunter



Christina
Jacobsen



Avery
Nowosad



Charlotte
O'Neill



Lawrie
Shahbazian



Samah
Syed



Chelsea
Tannis



Leah
Wright



Mrs.
Miura



Mrs.
Fazakas

7CD Ms. Biggar Mrs. McCurdy



Peter Pan

Sarah B.: Crocodile
Sarah G.: John
Joanna: Nana
Samantha: Tiger Lily
Andrea: Noodler
Rachel: Smee
Maggie: Captain Hook
Stephanie: Twin
Sonya: Mermaid
Carina: Mermaid
Elizabeth: Mermaid
Anuja: Peter Pan
Jena: Michael
Wanying: Wendy
Ms. Biggar: Mr. Darling
Miss McCurdy: Mrs. Darling



Sarah
Bouzanis



Sarah
Gross



Joanna
Hwang



Samantha
Lai



Andrea
Lessard



Rachel
Mines



Maggie
Murray



Stephanie
Pratapas



Sonya
Ruddy



Carina
Saikaley



Elizabeth
Sharp



Anuja
Sinha



Jena
Tannis



Wanying
Zhang



Ms.
Biggar



Ms.
McCurdy

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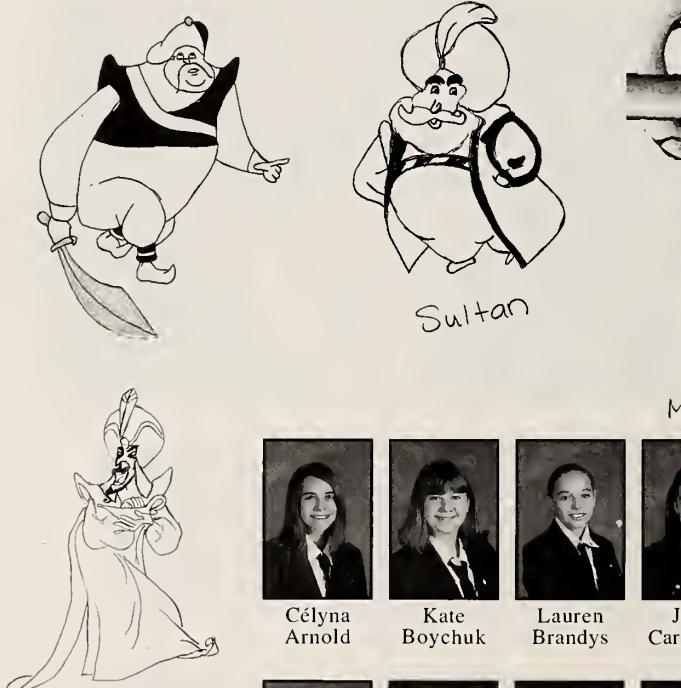
Aladdin



Rachael: Aladdin
 Alyssa: Jasmine
 Julia: Tiger
 Lauren H.: Carpet
 Lauren B.: Parrot
 Ireneana: King
 Sang Ha: Jafar
 Priya: Monkey
 Aarti: Thief
 Kaleigh: Genie
 Celyna: Beggar/snake
 Juliet: Merchant
 Meral: Aladdin's father
 Ailsa: Castle Guard 1
 Kate: Castle Guard 2



Castle Guard



Monkey → Abu



Lauren Halliwushka
Carpet



3AB Ms. Ellison Ms. Kolodziechuk



Phantom of the Opera

Ruth Lark, Sandi Quesnel-Malenka: The Phantom
Luisi Icaza Leyva, Sofia Diaz: Christine
Maria Zarakhani: Raoul
Crystal Li: Firmin
Sharon Gerbruers: Andre
Allie Hodgson, Jenny Shepherd: Carlotta
Rachel Liu: Piangi
Sana Jarrud: Madame Giry
Victoria Bonar, Sabrina Villeneuve: Meg Giry
Michelle Sleeth, Laura Haebe: Soldier
Crissi Lima, Monica Mikhail: Bride in the Mirror
Julia Churchill-Smith: Princess
Brittany Butcher: The Phantom's Mask
Lindsay Spooner: The Rooster
Emilie Chiasson: The Candle Stick
Ms. Ellison: The Chandelier
Ms. Koldziechuk: The Music Box



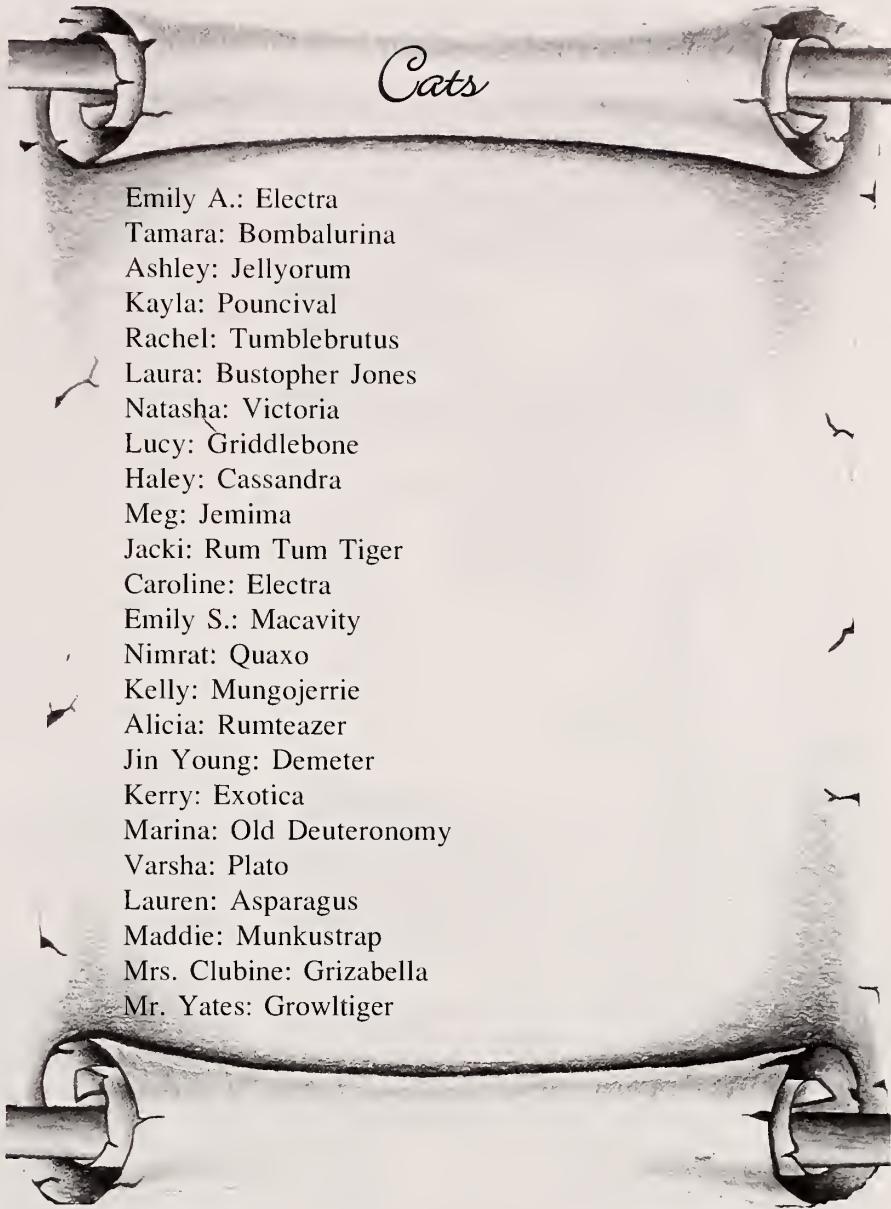
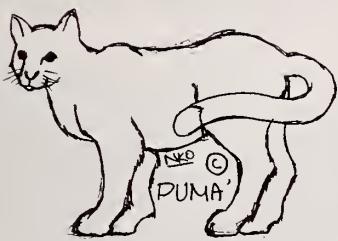
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Madeleine: Seymour
 Jocelyn: Audrey
 Caroline: Audrey II
 Marina: Mr. Mushnik
 Julia E: Orin
 Amanda: Paris
 Natalie H.: Nicole
 Vanessa: Celina
 Silya: Tiffany
 Brittany: Chanel
 Lauren: Tyra
 Katherine H.: Chrysanthemum
 Valerie: Tulip
 Caitlin: Dandelion
 Katherine R.: Lily
 Sarah: Bleeding Heart
 Natalie O.: Lily of the Valley
 Madison: Pansy
 Reba: Sunflower
 Rachel: Cauliflower
 Mrs. Purran: Star Lily
 Mr. Lamb: Desert Cactus



8EF Mr. Yates Mrs. Clubine



9A Ms. Wendorf



Mamma Mia

Sarah: Sophie Sheridan

Jessica: Ali

Allison: Lisa

Nadine: Tanya

Saumya: Rosie

Lore: Sky

Rina: Pepper

Rachel: Harry Bright

Sandy: Dancing Queen

Julia: Take a chance on me

Shilpa: I DO, I DO, I DO, I DO, I DO

Stephanie: Money, Money, Money

Maria: Super Trouper

Sophia: Mamma Mia

Ms. Wendorf: Donna Sheridan



Carmina
Badani



Sara
Bastianelli



Nadine
Batchasingh



Julia
Bootsma



Stephanie
Chapman



Sophia
Dhalla



Jessica
Edwards



Shilpa
Goel



Rina
Halili



Sana
Jarrud



Sandy
Kechichian



Lore
Lima



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Miller



Saumya
Saxena



Rachel
Stein



Ms.
Wendorf

9B Mrs. Marchand



Emily Bain



Alicia Bartlett



Sabrina Blier



Karenna Boychuk



Madeline Burnatowski



Julia Canning



Siham El Rayes



Alison Jamieson



Judy Keavley



Danika Leminski



Genevieve McSpaden



Meredith Moore



Emma Murray



Ruthanne Rath



Supriya Sethi



Katerina Yelle Labre



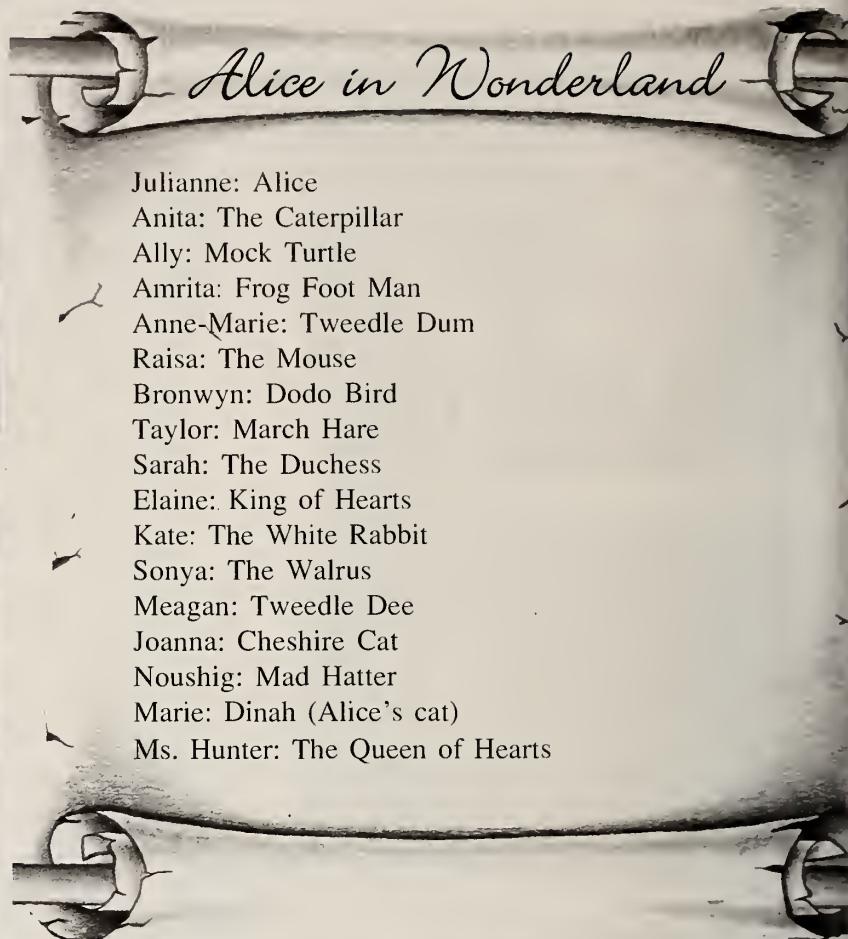
Frances Marchand



Alison: The Cat in the Hat
 Geneviève: Jojo the Boy
 Emily: Gertrude McFluff
 Mrs. Marchand: Mr. Mayor
 Meredith: General Schmitz
 Supriya: Baby Elephant
 Emma: Baby Kangaroo
 Alicia: Sour Kangaroo
 Madeline: Yertle the Turtle
 Siham: Mr. Loo Who
 Julia: Mrs. Loo Who
 Sabrina: Cindy Loo Who
 Danika: The Grinch
 Katerina: Max the Dog
 Carmina: Thing One
 Ruthanne: Thing Two
 Karenna: Clover Fish



9C Ms. Hunter



Julianne: Alice

Anita: The Caterpillar

Ally: Mock Turtle

Amrita: Frog Foot Man

Anne-Marie: Tweedle Dum

Raisa: The Mouse

Bronwyn: Dodo Bird

Taylor: March Hare

Sarah: The Duchess

Elaine: King of Hearts

Kate: The White Rabbit

Sonya: The Walrus

Meagan: Tweedle Dee

Joanna: Cheshire Cat

Noushig: Mad Hatter

Marie: Dinah (Alice's cat)

Ms. Hunter: The Queen of Hearts



Taylor
Bourdeau



Ally
Brown



Meagan
Cork



Sarah
Dost



Anita
E



Elaine
Groves



Marie
Hoftun Jaeger



Julianne
Hughes



Noushig
Kadian



Kate
Lysenko



Amrita
Pal



Raisa
Patel



Joanna
Schembri



Bronwyn
Thomson



Sonya
Wadhera



Anne
Marie Wilson



Ms. Hunter

OAB

Ms. Brown Mme. Sabourin

Grease



Vanessa
Assaly



Hilary
Brown



Jennifer
Fuller



Samantha
Lamontagne



Megan
Light



Anita
Malik



Emily
Mansfield



Sheila
McKeen



Krina
Merchant



Sarah
Merkley



Charlotte
Pattee



Jasmine
Rasuli



Olivia Scott



Cynthia
Wallace



Rachel
Witherspoon



Mrs.
Brown



Mme.
Sabourin

10CD M. Grenier Mrs. Boyd



The Wizard of Oz

Andrea: left ruby shoe
 Megan C.: right ruby shoe
 Riyaz: Lion
 Sana: Scarecrow
 Rebecca and Danielle: Lollipop Munchkins
 Anne and Allie: Flying monkey
 Megan H: Wizard of Oz
 Neuczki: Glinda, the Good Witch
 Nicolle and Rachel C.: Tinman
 Rachel H.: Bad Witch of the West
 Karin: Wicked Witch of the East
 Prashanthi: Dorothy's Aunt Em
 Emily: Dorothy
 Forrest: Poppies
 Anisha: Toto



Riyaz
Basi



Prashanthi
Baskaran



Andrea
Bennett



Nicolle
Bonar



Rebecca
Cheff



Megan
Cody



Rachel
Currie



Megan
Halliwushka



Forrest
Hartman



Danielle
Hodgson



Rachel
Hutchinson



Allie
Lacompte



Neuczki
Mathurin



Karin
McDowell



Anne
Pigott



Anisha
Sinha



Sana
Syed



Emily
Tepper



Mrs. Boyd



M. Grenier

OEF Ms. Kerluke Ms. Whitfield



Caitlin: Patsy (the man with the coconuts)
Katie: Dennis (the educated peasant)
Nikki: Black Knight (who has all his limbs hacked off)
Alex: Knights of Ni
Michaela: Tim the Enchanter
Julia: Prince Herbert
Alice: Historian
Maria: French Guard
Shamila: The Rabbit
Sasha: Holy Hand Grenade
Izzy: Lancelot
Samantha: Gatekeeper
Carol: Monks
Ms. Kerluke and Ms. Whitfield: God



Julia
Campbell



Nikki
Campbell



Shamila
Charania



Carol Chu



Samantha
Claude



Christina
Colom



Alice Gibbs



Katie Hyatt



Jos Icaza
Leyva



Toika
Karters



Michaela
McGee



Caitlin
Phillips



Isabella
Price



Sasha
Warunkiewicz



Ms.
Kerluke



Ms.
Whitfield

11AB Mr. Main Mme. Adams



Miriam: Frodo

Niya: Bilbo Baggins

Clare: The Ring

Sarah: Sam

Alex F.: Pippin

Alex D.: Merry

Mr. Main: Gandalf

Thirattha: Legolas

Emily: Aragorn

Kirsten: Arwen

Erika: Eowyn

Mme Adams: Galadriel

Lisa: Gollum

Emma: Hobbit Child

Malene: Sauron

Alicia: Tree Beard

Sarah: David Bowie making a guest appearance

Emma: Audrey Hepburn making a guest appearance

EMILY CORK AS ARAGORN

Alicia as Treebeard

1CD Dr. Mahin Mrs. Bradley

The Sound of Music



Meg
MacLean



Elizabeth
Maffett



Devon
McCormack



Christiane
McGovern



Emma
McKeen



Scottie
McLaughlin



Amelie
Meyer-Robinson



Emily
Miller



Rebecca
Moeller



Claire
Moon



Diane
Nakamura



Ishani
Nath



Julia
Normand



Beverly
Part



Jane
Reisman



Julia
Renaud



Mrs.
Bradley



Dr. Mahin

11EF Ms. Gillis Ms. Williams



Sophie
Riding



Selin
Saatcioglu



Margaret
Seaborn



Leanne
Sharzer



Stephanie
Shea



Evelina
Sieradzan



Elly
Smallwood



Leah
Somers



Sarah
Taylor



Kacie
Thomson



Alicia
Timmons



Shauna
Turney



Margo
Vachon



Neeti
Vanaik



Liaian
Wallace



Ms.
Gillis



Ms.
Williams

D I R E C T O R S & P R O D U C E R S



Faculty

Administration

"Be not afraid of Greatness"



Left to right:
Mrs. Suzana Szmanski,
Mr. Gary MacPhie,
Mrs. Helen Hirsh Spence,
Mrs. Donna Naufal Moffatt



Mrs. Helen Hirsh Spence Head of School



Past is Prologue is the perfect title for our 90th anniversary yearbook. Congratulations to our two Samara editors who cleverly came up with this year's themed (and dramatic) title which captures the true essence of Elmwood. This year we embraced our school's past, remembered the 20,000 women who passed through the School over the last nine decades, and then projected our dreams and hopes for Elmwood graduates

into the future. With the help of several of our Junior, Middle and Senior students, a professional video of the school was created with the assistance of Kathryn Jeans of Sound Adventure. This video enabled us to look back and reflect on Elmwood's rich history, rejoicing in the traditions that live on today and make our school so very distinctive.

Our alumnae are now very successful and accomplished women representing a broad spectrum of careers. Many have made significant contributions not only in Canada but also in the global arena. At Elmwood, they developed the confidence and courage to explore and test their bounds, intellectually, socially, and morally, and they, like you, pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones into new dimensions. Confidence and courage are the two key

attributes that Elmwood understands are the foundation for learning and leading – in the classroom, onstage and on the playing field.

In my many conversations with all of you, I have been inspired by your level of engagement, your passion, and your awareness of the world around you. Unlike so many other young people of your age, you care deeply about those who are less fortunate; you care about the elderly, and about your little brothers and sisters in the Junior school.

I admire the passion with which you engage when you participate in Run for the Cure and the Terry Fox Run, or when you found ways to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina and collected food for the Ottawa Food Bank and toys for the Shepherds of Good Hope. I was impressed by the creativity you displayed on the stage

in Emma, in Junior School assemblies, on the plasma monitors as, part of the new Screen Team, on the pages of the Tartan Tattler, and during events such as our International Night and the Art Show. And have been invigorated by your determination and fair play on the basketball and volleyball courts, and on the soccer field. Your ability to stand tall and pose pertinent questions to people of prominence such as JoAnn Deak and Peter Dalglish spoke volumes about how you see yourselves and each other. You speak with your own voice, you speak with confidence and courage.

This, Elmwood's 90th year and your 2005-2006 academic year, has been a true prologue to the future. You have all that it takes to continue on a successful path. I wish you all a wonderful journey.

Mrs. Spence

Mrs. Suzanne Szymanski Deputy Head



Typically, when asked to do a Samara 'write-up', one reflects on the year that was, noting the special moments and highlights of the academic year. But this year's Samara theme, 'Past is Prologue', was too inspiring to ignore, and challenged me to reflect not just on the most recent academic year, but on the ninety years of our School's history. I found myself wandering over to the Advancement House and looking through old Samaras, catching the smiles of Elmwood girls throughout the decades of our changing uniform. (Yes, girls, there have been some changes!) Over time, the photos moved from black and white to colour, classes grew in size, and hairstyles curled and straightened then curled again. Yet all the pages showed older girls hugging younger ones, teachers running a plethora of clubs and activities, House competitions, prefects, homerooms and graduating classes. Girls were leaders, learners, achievers, athletes, debaters, chess players, cup winners, and community volunteers.

One thing I knew for sure was that this place, Elmwood School, had provided some kind of common experience despite the decades of incredible economic and social change. The School had served as a 'home away from home': a safe place for generations of girls to think, to change, to grow, to discover, to lead, to connect, to experience, and to become. What a legacy. What a prologue. The best is yet to be.

Many thanks.....

To Middle School: For your great lunchtime stories, shared laughter, and your patience with Senior School assembly announcements.

To Senior School: For your interest and dedication to your studies while achieving outside the classroom.

To our graduating class: You were a joy to work with, spirited beyond belief and amazingly self aware as student leaders
To our IB diploma students: We did it. Told you so.

To our Samara editors and committee: Thank you for another fine snapshot in time.

Mrs. Donna Shufal Moffatt Dean of Student Life



I have often said to people that I have the best job at Elmwood because it revolves around the most important people in our school-the students. In the past, my classroom and my coaching activities were my haven from the piles of marking that often followed a teacher. In my role as Dean of Student Life, it has been the numerous opportunities to be positively engaged with students and student life that have kept me motivated when the piles of paper on my desk continued to grow and the number of meetings has been too many to count. As a result, I have been blessed to have a had another year filled with many highlights that have kept me young and invigorated -walking on a high rope while being cheered on by the Grade 11 class at Leadership Camp; chasing down a group of dogs after losing a sled on the Silver Duke of Ed expedition; humming along to the music coming from the Auditorium as Middle School students rehearsed for the Revue; and sitting in my office chatting with students who dropped in just to say "hello".

My greatest highlight though, has been working with a Prefect group who has demonstrated a level of leadership, maturity and integrity like no other group. I have been privileged to have had this opportunity. Our Head Girl, Sarah Buchan and Senior Prefect, Karlye Wong, inspired us all with their passion and love for the school. They lead a creative and dynamic group of Grade 12s, who in turn motivated the whole school with their spirit and pride. Since "Past is Prologue", I knew years ago that this year's Grade 12 group would set the bar high in excellence. And again, if "Past [really] is Prologue" we can all be rest assured that next year's group of Grade 12s will once again rise to meet the challenge of leadership, and set yet again, a new bar in excellence.

The end of the 2005-2006 year is particularly special to me. After 9 years of being a teacher, coach, mentor, Dean, and friend to hundreds/thousands of Elmwood girls over the years - it is time for me to take some time off to be a Mom to my own "little one" due in October. I feel that my time here, working with our girls, has helped prepare me for this new phase in my life. My Elmwood years have been filled with positive memories, numerous laughs, the occasional tear, and many lessons taught and learned. Thank you to all who have helped make it so memorable-students, colleagues, and parents.

I wish you all well in the 2006-2007 school year, and look forward to many more Elmwood experiences in the future.

Mr. Gary MacPhie Head of Junior School



Happy 90th Birthday Elmwood. It is great to be part of the Elmwood tradition and share in the proud accomplishments of our girls and boys, past and present.

When I walk through the Junior School I always see smiles on our students' faces, so I know they are excited about learning. The best part of my day is watching the students put forth their best efforts, and there are so many wonderful opportunities to see our students in action - whether it is in assemblies, in the classroom or the computer lab, at lunch or during after school activities. Our music program keeps getting stronger and we showed off our talent at the Christmas and Spring Concerts. Our P.E./rhythmic gymnastics program was also very successful, culminating in two excellent displays full of colour and movement.

Our class field trips help the students to learn outside the classroom, and they are always highlights. From the Museum of Science and Technology, Gatineau Park, Upper Canada Village and the Parliament Buildings, all classes enjoy these trips. As well, we always enjoy inviting guest speakers into our class, whether the topic is art, politics or world travel.

Our IB Primary Years Program is progressing as planned and everyone is committed and engaged working on their units of inquiry. We look forward to our full authorization next school year. For me, it is particularly satisfying to see that the students are incorporating many of the PYP concepts and "big ideas" into their assignments. They understand the importance of being reflective, or thinking about their own learning style. One of the goals of the PYP is to develop students into global citizens. I think the students at Elmwood understand this important concept.

We look forward to another happy and productive year in September 2006. Have a relaxing summer vacation.



Junior School

"We know what we are, but not what we may be"

Left to right. Back row:
Mr. Adams, Mr. Kelly,
Mrs. Hofmann, Mrs.
Oickle, Mrs. Wiley, Ms.
Breen, Mlle. Patoine, Mrs.
Pike, Ms. Ostiguy, Mme
Gavan, Mrs. Blackadar.
Front row: Mrs. Foy, Mrs.
Gerspacher, Mrs. Huggins,
Ms. Dennys, Mr. MacPhie,
Ms. Rowswell, Ms. Zemlak,
Mme Couture-Luk.

Junior School





"My favourite play was Beauty and the Beast because it was the first time I saw a musical and I was sitting in the first row."

-- Mme Couture-Luk



"When I was 10 years old, I played the part of Mary in a church production of 'The Christmas Story'."

-- Mrs. Huggins



"I was Tweedle Dee in an improvised play (skit) with Mike McCabe, who was Tweedle Dum. I think the occasion was a good-bye party for Nancy Chance years and years ago."

-- Mrs. Gerspacher (on the left, with Mme Gavan)

What is your favourite quote from a play?
"My love's more richer than my tongue." (from King Lear)
-- Mlle. Patoine



Humanities and E

"What a piece of work man is"

Left to right. Back row:
Mr. Welch, Ms. Schmidt,
Ms. Ellison, Ms. Van Riel,
Mme Coates, Mme Adams,
Ms. Tweedie, Mr. Main.
Front row: Ms. McCurdy,
Ms. Kolodziechuk,
Ms. Whitfield, Mme Williams,
Ms. Bradley, Mr. Yates.

*Humanities
Department*



"I had the good fortune to take part in Elmwood's rendition of the play 'Oliver'. In it I played the role of the drunken judge. It was hilarious because I had so few lines to say yet I kept getting mixed up or saying them at the wrong time." -- Mr. Yates

"In 'Peter Pan' I was Mr. Darling and in "Oliver" I was Mr. Snodgrass." -- Mr. Main



In which play(s) did you have a role? "High school play - 'Bye Bye Birdie,' role Kim MacAllister (who learns in the story not to rush growing up.)"

-- Ms. Kolodziechuk

"Here is a picture from my Grade 8 play performance as Alice in the play 'Alice' (based on 'Alice in Wonderland')."

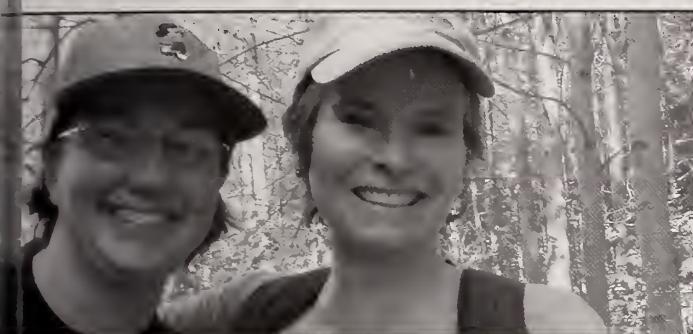
-- Ms. Schmidt



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At the moment, I feel like Rosencrantz in "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" - he never knows what is going on but he always does his best and he gets lost in the castle just like I do here. -- Ms. Willcott



I usually played Joseph in the nativity play - scratchy beard - big blanket - no lines - that sort of thing.

-- Mr. Welch



What does 'Past is Prologue' mean to you? To me, the quote is so symbolic of everything I have always studied: the past lives on in each of us, and we are the legacy of all those who came before! -- Ms. Ellison

to right. Back row:
Ms. Ellison, Ms. Schmidt,
Ms. Van Riel, Ms.
Ms. Weddie. Front row: Ms.
Ms. Bodzieschuk, Ms.
Ms. Mitfield, Ms. Willcott,
Ms. Armitage. Absent:
Ms. Boychuk. (far above)

English Department



Math and Science

"Though this be madness, yet there is method in"

Left to right. Back row:
Mrs. Fazakas, Mr. Lamb,
Mrs. Purran, Ms. Lamb,
Mrs. Miura. Front row:
Mrs. Boyd, Ms. de Jong,
Mrs. Brown

Math Department



"I was in a play once
kindergarten. I don't know
the play was about but I reme-
I was a flower." -- Ms. Lamb



"I was in an operetta when I was
in grade 6. It was called "Cowboy
on the Moon" and I was a
moonster called 'Smithagog'."
-- Mrs. Brown



I did direct a play for the competition when I was a student. It was 'She Stoops to Conquer' by Oliver Goldsmith." -- Ms. Boyd



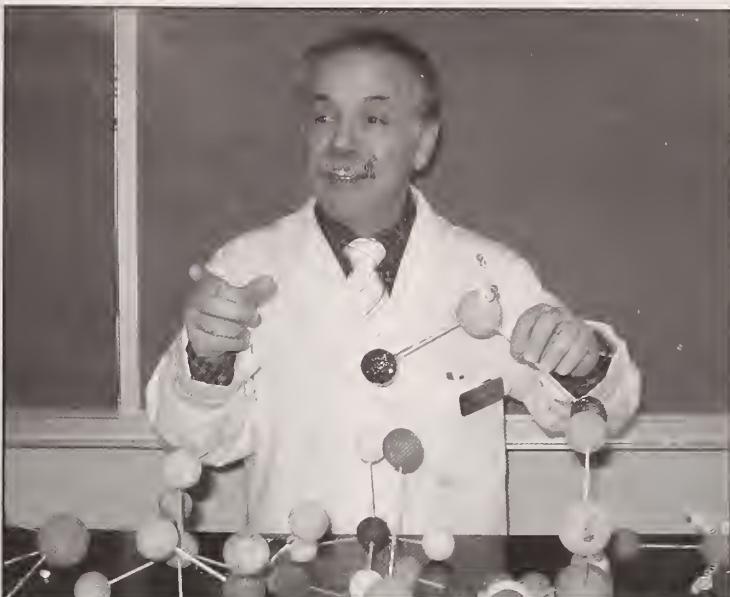
played the role of the Mad Hatter in a ballet performance of Alice in Wonderland. I had to make the silliest costume and it was my first time performing in pointe shoes." -- Ms. Hunter

to right: Ms. Hunter, Ms. Boyd, Dr. Mahin, Ms. Juan, Ms. Kerluke.

Science Department



What is your favourite quote from a play?
"To IB or not to IB... or was that to be or not to be?"
-- Mr. Lamb



Arts and Languages

"Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice"

Left to right. Back row:
Ms. Gillis, Ms. Biggar,
Ms. Armitage.
Front row: Ms. MacLeod,
Mrs. Boychuk. Absent:
Mr. Palmai (included
below).

Arts Department



"I posed as Juliet in a 'Romeo and Juliet' photoshoot when I was in grade 9 at Lisgar."

-- Ms. Gillis



In which play(s) did you have a role? Grade 7 - Annie Oakley's sister, in 'Annie Get Your Gun.'"

-- Ms. McCurdy



When I was in sixth grade, I
in a nativity play and I was
shepherd who pointed to the
bright shining star.

-- Mme Williams

"I played Charlotte Corday
young Royalist from Caen,
France, who gains entry into
apartment of Marat, friend of
Robespierre, one of the leaders
of the French Revolution. She
stabs him to death, in his
bathtub." --Mme Adams





"I was in a school play in my first boarding school, St. Mary's Academy, in Windsor, Ontario in the 1960's! It was a play commissioned to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of our school." -- Mme Sabourin



What does 'Past is Prologue' mean to you? "We must learn from our past to build a better future." -- M. Grenier



I played many parts in plays, but the most notable one is Mary (as Jesus' mother) in the Christmas Pageant! -- Mme Coates

to right. Back row: M. Grenier, Ms. Ellison, Mme Williams, Ms. Van Riel, Mme Coates, Mme Adams. Front row: Ms. McCurdy, Mme Sabourin, Mme Wellington. Absent: Ms. L. Garth (pictured below).

Languages Department



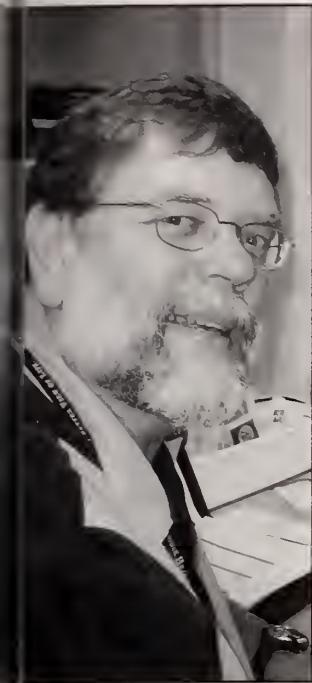
Phys. Ed and Tec

"I go, and it is done; the bell invites me"

Left to right. Ms. Wendorf,
Mrs. Neale, Ms. Tweedie.
Absent: Ms. Kolodziechuk
(included below).

Phys. Ed.
Department





I started out as a lamb and worked my way up to angel. I never got the lead female role of Mary. --Ms. Bradley

When I was in Grade 1, I was the lead bat in my ballet recital.
-- Ms. Tweedie



If I were to be in a play, it would be Anne of Green Gables and I would like to be Josie Pye or Miss Stacey.
-- Mrs. Neale



to right. Back row:
L. Clubine, Ms. Bradley,
Front row: Ms. Schmidt,
Yates, Ms. Rossiter.

Tech Department



Library and Support

"Suit the action to the word, the word to the action."

Left to right. Mrs. Clubine,
Mrs. Comerton.

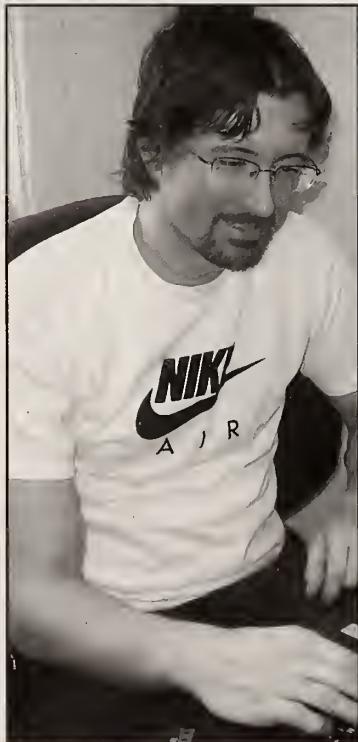
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What does 'Past is Prologue' mean to you? "When we begin something new, it is past experiences that shape how we approach the new idea or plan.
-- Mrs. Caputo



"My favourite play is 'Brigadoon'. It is the story of a magical village in the Scottish Highlands, that exists for one day every 100 years."
-- Mrs. Clubine



Left to right. Mr. Dube,
Mr. Molnar, Mr. Campbell.
Absent: Mr. Wylie.



Tech Support

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o right. Mrs. Carver,
Clarke, Mrs. Caputo,
Marchand.

Guidance



Left to right. Back row:
Mr. MacHardy, Mr. Kealy,
Mr. Keach, Mr. Tuinstra,
Mr. Medeiros. Front row:
Mr. Kelly, Ms. Kearley.

Maintenance



What is your favourite quote from a play? "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players..." (From 'As You Like It')
-- Mr. Campbell



was raised on musical theatre.
mother was a huge fan and
seen all of the original
shows while growing up in New
York." -- Mrs. Carver

recalls



Support

"Action is eloquence"

Left to right. Ms. Zucchet,
Ms. Taylor, Mr. Meldrum.

Advancement



(Above picture) Left to right.
Mr. Welch,
Ms. Dennys.

Admissions



(Above picture) Left to right.
Mrs. Dancause, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. D'Alessio,
Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Sproule, Mrs. Horrocks.

Office Staff

I N T E R M I S S I O N



Co-Curricular

Amnesty International



Margo Vachon, Anisha Sinha, Rebecca Cheff, Prashanthi Baskaran, Rachel Hutchinson, Nicolle Bonar, Scottie McLaughlin, Julia Campbell, Jane Reisman, Gwen Cowley, Lillian Wallace, Christiane McGovern, Alicia Kerrigan, Anita E



Reintroducing our Amnesty Club, was both an exciting and daunting task. We both had little experience running a club. However, we accumulated a group of fantastic and enthusiastic members, who contributed to everything we did during our weekly Thursday meetings and more. We all learned about the issues affecting our global community, and how to reach out and help. As part of taking action on many global issues, Amnesty had many successful letter writing campaigns, organized an amazing International Women's Week, and helped with the Make Poverty History Campaign. A huge thank you to our committed club members, and Mme Adams, whose insight into world issues has made this club a great success.

Alex and Alex



Sr. Choir



1st Soprano: Geneviève McSpaden, Samantha Lamontagne, Sara Anderson, Louise Prior, Erica Hoe, Noushig Kadian. 2nd Soprano: Emily White, Danika Leminski, Sarah Groves, Julia Bootsma, Sarah Dost. Alto: Hilary Brown, Rachel Currie, Lisa Cameron, Amelie Meyer-Robinson, Sonya Wadhera. Director: Robert Palmai



This year Senior Choir was a group of 16 enthusiastic girls who met every Tuesday for one hour after school. Along with our great director, Robert Palmai, we sang at the Kiwanis Festival and placed second! The highlight of our year was an invitation to sing at the Notes of Excellence Concert, which was a fundraising event for Elmwood. We sang songs ranging from *Vere Languores Nostros* to *Chattanooga Choo Choo*. Unfortunately, this was Mr. Palmai's last year as director of the Senior Choir at Elmwood. We want to thank him for his dedication and his willingness to share his knowledge about music with us! Congratulations to the girls for another great year and keep up the enthusiasm for next year!



Jr. Ballet



Iman Abdulla, Emma Boushey, Haigann Fevrier-President, Emily Haebe, Alexis Judlin, Ashton Yau, Alexandra Akman, Sophia Avisar, Alexandra Blackadar, Binta Goodridge, Mi Yen Ho, Anne Lavallée, Kyra Ling Jay, Ava Mierins, Maya Pawlisz, Julia Robinson, Anne-Marie Rusu, Eva Sabine, Chloé Bonnet, Cailin Craigen, Ciara Halloran, Karina Wang, Fumi Shibusutani, Sahej Kaur, Meredith Wilson-Smith, Louisa James-Beswick, Merrin Lalonde



Ballet began in Italy when dancers performed between scenes of an opera. In 1661, King Louis the fourteenth of France founded the Académie Royale de Musique et de Danse. That is why most of the positions have French names such as “porte de bras”, “grand battement” and “ronde de jambe”. It is really fun to learn new steps and practice them at ballet class. My favourite part of learning ballet is the recitals that we have each year at spring time. Each of the different ballet classes from the Junior School prepares a special performance, for the mothers and fathers at the recital. At the recital performance we wear a colourful costume and dance to lovely, cheerful music that goes well with our dance.

Jr. Yoga



Nicola Denison, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Chloe Lucas, Claire Avisar, Louisa James-Beswick, Larissa Bobra, Hannah Dolhai, Meera Singla, Astrid Hoftun Jaeger, Alex Parizeau, Micheala Kainz-Potter, Karina Wang, Alanah Bobra, Hoda Darwish, Brooke Mierins, Margaret Pateman, Meera Singla, Anthony Ahong, Ciara Halloran, David Schramm, Helen Hume, Julian Yau, Katie Mc Adam, Sarah Jackson, Sarah Vickers, Sheetza McGarry, Sophia Sweetenham, Fumi Shibusutani, Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Sahej Kaur, Sofia Zhang, Claudia Cinotti, Paige Tremblay, Rachel McGinn, Zakiya Abdullah, Jenna Moledin, Noni Shemenski, Paige Tremblay.



During the second term many students from Grade 1, 2 and 3 participated in the Yoga Club. There was so much interest in this activity that the group had to be divided into two sessions, with Ms. Enticknap leading the Wednesday group and Ms. Breen leading the Friday group. Each session, the students would begin with simple breathing exercises to help calm the mind and body. Following this, the students participated in different poses and stretches, such as ‘the cat’, ‘the cobra’, ‘the fish’, ‘the triangle’, and ‘the tree’. The students even learned the series of poses in The Sun Salutation. Each class ended with a quiet moment for relaxation and meditation. Thank you to all participants for a great term two of yoga – keep up your practice!

9-10 Basketball



Vanessa Assaly, Karin McDowell, Anita E, Nicolle Bonar, Madeline Burnatowski, Meagan Cork, Sheila McKeen, Rachel Stein, Rachel Hutchinson, Prashanthi Baskaran, Jessica Edwards.

Coaches: Ms. Wendorf, Ms. Sims



Over the course of the season, the girls on the junior team improved their dribbling, shooting and defensive skills. Our record for the season in Tier 2 play was 4 wins and 6 losses. Our most memorable game was a playoff against Osgood. Unfortunately, it was a heartbreaking loss by one point (35-36) in double overtime. It was a rebuilding year for the team as we focused on improving our skills. We would like to thank our coaches Miss Sims and Miss Wendorf for their patience and dedication to helping us improve. We are all looking forward to next season.



11-12 Basketball



Courtney Smith, Karlye Wong, Elizabeth Wilson, Amira Tadros, Lorena Mason, Marnie Brown, Olivia Scott, Cynthia Wallace, Emily Cork.

Coaches: Bob Butler, Mrs. Neale.



This year the Senior Basketball Team had an extremely successful season. After many practices we finished 2nd in the NCSAA conference. We then qualified for OFSAA by beating out Ashbury in the Single A finals and winning against Quinte Christian College in the COSSA finals. For the second year in a row, Elmwood School was heading to OFSAA! A week later, we were on the road for the 6 hour drive to Sturgeon Falls. In our first game of the tournament we broke an Elmwood record by scoring 85 points! Unfortunately after that game Karlye was taken to the hospital because a spider bite on her knee became infected and she could no longer play. We ended up placing 6th in the province. Along the way, there were many injuries, but considering everything it was an amazing experience. Everyone on the team played hard and did an absolutely amazing job. We all had so much fun and would like to send a huge thank you to Coach Bob Butler and Mrs. Neale.



7-8 Badminton



Valérie Touchette-Mosley, Michelle Sleeth, Caroline Mirens, Rachel Weinstein, Varsha Salunkhe, Kayla Eisenstat, Alicia Leung, Lucy Zheng, Juliet Caragianis, Julia Fottinger, Irena Wight, Chelsea Tannis, Jena Tannis, Maggie Murray, Rachel Murray, Priya Wadhera.

Coaches: Diane Nakamura, Carol Chu, Mrs. Bradley.



During the months of April and May, the Grade 7-8 Badminton team had early morning practices. Even though the students had to be at school early, they showed much enthusiasm in their games and drills. Mrs. Bradley and the two senior school coaches, Diane and Carol, brought the team to three tournaments: the provincials, the cities and the Turnbull tournament. They all played great games. The team also brought Elmwood a Gold and a Silver medal. Big thanks to our coaches and the team for all the effort!



Jr. Environment Club



Louisa James-Beswick, Noni Shemenski, ZaRiya Abdullah, Claudia Cinotti Ballarte, Rebecca Godin, Jenna Moledina, Melissa Yelle, Grace Crolla, Rebecca Robinso, Katya Duncan, Adriana Moeller, Ameera Moledina, Ivy Bregman.



We had a great tree-hugging year this year. The students committed their time and spirit toward making Elmwood and the neighbourhood environment greener. Between environment cleanups and planting, the students learned a lot about nature. Thank you to Mr. Adams for leading the Environment Club.

Classics Club



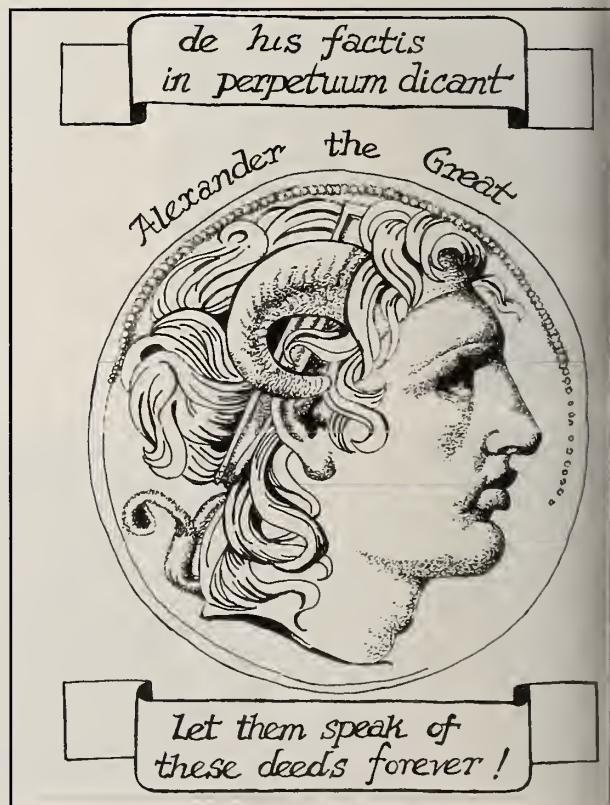
Anna Cameron, Christine Leduc, Stephanie Shea, Isabella Price, Katie Hyatt, Stephanie Chapman, Alison Jamieson, Alison Miller, Meredith Moore, Danika Leminski, Ms. Ellison. We were accompanied by Dr. Richard Burgess and Ms. Karen Hamer of the University of Ottawa's Department of Classics, and Ms. Amy Throop, an Elmwood Alumna and former participant in the OSCC who has used her extensive art training from OCAD to benefit the conference by acting as a Creative judge for several years!



This year marked the 38th annual Ontario Student Classics Conference, one of the largest and oldest student conferences in North America! This year also marked Elmwood's third time hosting the event (Ms. Ellison's second time), an enormous undertaking which distinguishes one participating school each year. Plans for this year's OSCC began in May, 2005 and culminated in the event itself held at Brock University from May 4th – 7th, 2006. This year, there was a record number of participants, filling the available space with almost 600 people from 20 participating schools, both public and private, (including students, teachers, chaperones, professors, university help, dignitaries, etc.) We were also visited by a variety of special guests: the Dean of Humanities at Brock University; the Mayor of St. Catharines; the Consul-General of Greece and his assistant consul. Each year, a theme is chosen for the conference, and that theme becomes the focal point for Creative submissions, oral readings, and promotional materials. This year's theme was: *de his factis in perpetuum dicant!* "Let them speak of these deeds forever!", inspired by a work of the Roman poet, Horace. It was created as an expression of the reason one studies Latin Classics: the deeds of the past live on in our memories and provide those who came before us with a voice. We are the legacy of our ancestors and a culmination of their efforts and dreams – their deeds! Only by understanding our past can we understand ourselves and affect the direction of our future. As well, each year, a competition is held to design a logo for the conference reflecting the theme. There were a great number of outstanding entries, but this year's winning logos were made by Danika Leminski of Elmwood School and Megan Parker of Banting Secondary School. Their logos graced the conference T-shirts, programmes, letterhead, certificates and name tags.

This year marked the introduction of a new, expanded schedule, spreading the almost 100 competitions (Creative, Athletic, and Academic) over a period of 60 hours and providing a bit more time for students to participate in the events. Academic events include: Roman and Greek History, Mythology, Latin Vocabulary and Derivatives, and Latin Comprehension and Grammar. Athletic events include: Discus Ultimus (Ultimate Frisbee!), swimming races, foot races, slinging, and the Chariot Race (with real chariots pulled by two teams of human runners).

Creative events (where Elmwood's team tends to focus its efforts) include: Fashion Show (where authentic replicas of ancient clothing are created and displayed by the students), Skit (where students write an original short play based on the theme and perform it), sculpture, audio-visual, mosaic, scrapbook (which is a creative record of a club's activities over the year), school display (where students create a 3-dimensional structure to display a team's projects and reflect the theme), and many more! Most teams number between 30 and 45 students, so for the host school to undertake the duties of acting as emcee along with planning the event (and to do this while only having 10 students on the team) was quite impressive! These students were amazing ambassadors for Elmwood, hosting with enthusiasm and grace, and they had a great deal of success in their own competitions as well. Elmwood can be proud of its Classics Conference contingent – the students were outstanding competitors and displayed excellent sportsmanship. "Let them speak of these deeds forever!"



Jr. Basketball



Grade 4: Alexa Noccoraco, Lindsay, Merrin Lalonde, Priyanka Goel, Emily Groper, Alyssa Shenassa, Selena Saikaley, Priya Muradia, Gigi Nguyen, Katia Tawagi, Courtney Mulock, Sarah Melloul, Allison Bui, Anna Gow.
Grade 5: Melissa Noel, Tori McIntyre, Melissa Yelle, Emily Montgomery, Katya Duncan, Ameera Moledina, Hannah Boomer, Ivy Bregman.



This spring 22 girls from grades 4 and 5 participated in the Junior School Basketball Club. The club ran for a six week session, during which the girls were very busy and showed great enthusiasm for the sport. The girls developed ball handling skills through dribbling and passing drills. They also practiced shooting and improved their accuracy in getting a basket. The highlight of each week's practice was the scrimmage. The girls played against one another in teams, learning the rules of the game and applying the skills they were learning. All of the players showed a high level of motivation and team cooperation and the coaches noted a definite improvement in skill level over the course of the club. A special thank you goes to Middle School student Rachel for her assistance with coaching and leading drills. Great work girls and we hope you will keep playing!!

Jr. Computer Drawing



Nicola Denison, Chloe Lucas, Astrid Hoftun-Jaeger, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Joshua Haebe, Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Hannah Dolhai, Fumi Shibutani, Nicholas Morrison, Adam Groper, Brooke Mierins, Jacob Gay

Teachers: Mme Couture-Luk, Mrs. Blackadar.



The grade two students spent eight weeks in the library/computer lab doing a drawing workshop. They learned traditional drawing from Mme Couture-Luk and drawing using computer programs from Mrs. Blackadar.

From Mme Couture-Luk they learnt shapes, lines, negative space and patterns. They then applied these concepts on the computer with Mrs. Blackadar. They made beautiful Nemo and still life illustrations. Good job grade two.

Jr. Cross Country Running



Joa Hoshizaki, Scout Frewer, Priyanka Goel, Lindsay Brandys, Merrin Lalonde, Alexa Naccarato, Tania Aussant, Emily Groper, Eleanor James-Beswick, Courtney Mulock, Alyssa Shenassa, Katia Tawag, Emily Montgomery, Carina Saikaley, Melissa Yelle, Sarah Seward Langdon, Julia Hewitt.



The Junior School Cross Country Running Club was great this year. The students ran like the wind. We had a lot of fun despite scrapes and bruises. The mud and puddles only made it more amusing. The students had a lot of spirit and we are proud of them all. The pumpkin run was as successful as ever. Thank you to the teachers who took the time to come out and train the students. Keep fit and keep running!



Sr. Cross Country Running



Malene Jaegar, Alexandra DeForge, Alexandra Fottinger, Ishani Nath, Julia Renaud, Scottie McLaughlin, Selin Saatcioglu, Claire Moon, Rina Halili, Rachel Hutchinson



Cross country had an exciting and eventful season, beginning in early fall. We trained twice a week together, in preparation for three meets – the Lisgar Invitational, the East Ottawa Regionals, and the combined Ottawa Regionals. The whole team had some really great and exciting races, from the start, to photo finishes. Both Rachel Hutchinson and Alexandra DeForge had some amazing races, and did very well. A huge thank you goes to Mime Adams for supporting and coaching us! The whole season was really great!



Jr. Drama Club

Laura Dodge, Alexa Naccarato, Jessica Kotzeff, Melissa Dodge, Merrin Lalonde, Alyssa Shenassa, Katia Tawagi, Selena Saikaley, Priyanka Goel, Lilith Dost, Lindsay Brandys, Joa Hoshizake, Allison Bui, Alana Shanhbazian, Priya Muridia, Emily Groper, Gigi Nguyen, Anna Gow, Chloe Forgie-Williams.



March 9th was the grade 4G assembly. I was 3 roles, the cruel king of Crete, King Minos, the Minoan Minotaur, and Dionysus, god of wine. I was very excited but also nervous. It was hard to change from costume to costume. Also, it was hard to get into character when I had so many! When I introduced the play I accidentally bumped into the ship. Otherwise I think I did very well.

The scenery and costumes made me feel like I was really in Crete and Athens. I feel that everyone did splendidly. The play was very exciting and I enjoyed acting very much!

Written by Anna Gow 4G

Middle School Drama Club



This year, grades 6 and 7 had the opportunity to participate in a Drama Club, which was lead by Mrs. Armitage. It was held on Monday nights throughout the first and second term. All of the students who participated learned many new things. Some components that we focused on were: tableaus, improvisation, stage areas and blocking. I am sure many people think that that list of terms would be very boring to learn, and not very important, but you would be surprised how useful they really are. After learning all of the vital drama "rules" we got together in groups and made a numerous amount of skits, and we all know how much fun that is! I am sure that all of the students that joined the drama club had a fabulous time, learned a million different things and would like to thank Mrs. Armitage for all her hard work and organization that she put forth to make this amazing club happen. We could not have done it without you!

Duke of Ed. Bronze



Duke of Edinburgh is a program that challenges young people between the ages of 14 and 25 years to reach for their best. The Duke of Edinburgh program incorporates a wide variety of aspects including the expedition, a skill, physical activity and community and service. This year from September to March, the grade 9 girls participated in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Program. The requirements for the program were 15 hours of community service over a 6 month period, an adventurous journey, which consisted of a practice trip and a qualifying trip, a skill that needed to be practiced over 6 months and finally 30 hours of physical activity over 15 weeks.



For the adventurous journey, all of the grade nines were really prepared because the teachers spent countless hours helping us get ready for the trip. We learnt how to read and make maps, meal planning, dangers in the woods, what to bring on a hiking trip and more. We attended our practice trip in the Gatineau's where we spent the whole day hiking. This allowed for us to feel what the actual trip would feel like. A couple weeks after the practice trip, the grade 9s took a bus to Bon Echo Provincial Park. This is where our real journey would begin. We stayed 2 days and 1 night at the park. We hiked on different trails and afterwards took a ferry ride to learn a little bit of history about the park. By participating in all of these areas, the girls can attain a diversity of different qualities such as self-reliance and discipline, determination, initiative, creativity and community involvement.



Drama Festival



Danielle Hodgson, Rachel Witherspoon, Sarah Taylor - crew, Jessie Thornton - crew, Willie Deneault, Emma Watt, Emma Duret, Kate Meehan, Sarah Groves, Kacie Thomson, Sophie Riding, Erika Tilson, Alex Kanters, Niya Sang, Maura Furlong-Maclnnis, Thirattha Devahastin, Clare Funston, Emma Godmere, Sandra van der Jagt, Blair Stein, Lisa Cameron, Mrs. Siewicke, Mrs. Boychuk.



The ISDF 'team' consisted of 21 actors and crew members from grades 10, 11 and 12. Their mission: to prepare a half-hour production to be staged in front of an adjudicator at Ridley College in St. Catharines, Ontario. The first task: figure out just *what* they would be performing. As usual, Mrs. Boychuk came up with an astoundingly original idea. She put together an 'anthology' of poems and prose revolving around a seemingly mundane object: the umbrella. Some actors contributed written work of their own, and *Brollies and Bumbershoots* was born. The process of staging *Brollies and Bumbershoots* was very collaborative, as the actors and crew attempted to find creative ways to use umbrellas and parasols without seeming repetitive. In the end, the umbrellas became part of a football game, as well as being used as swords, canes, and brooms. Mrs. Boychuk and Mrs. Siewicke, their chaperones and directors, deserve a standing ovation for all the hard work they invested in the much-lauded production.



Sr. Field Hockey

Sarah Quinn (Captain), Annie Kirvan, Breonna Burnatowski, Riyaz Basi, Christiane McGovern, Alicia Kerrigan, Krina Merchant, Virginia Brown, Hilary Brown, Ally Brown, Marie Hoftun Jaeger, Anne Pigott, Julia Canning, Kerri Haynes, Megan Cheung, Sana Syed, Coach: Ms. Zucchet.



Most people don't understand the dedication that goes into the Elmwood Field Hockey team. Three to four mornings a week, the team was out of the back field working on skills, plays and fitness—along with two games a week. This year's season was a massive success compared to our last! We were upset from our spot in the playoffs, but every game we played felt like gold. Field hockey reminds the players why we play sports. Every second on the field is enjoyed, and it brings us back to the basics. Whether you are scoring your first goal, or standing in nets having 2 pound balls shot at you at incredibly high speeds, field hockey is about bonding as a team and having fun. Thanks to Ms. Zucchet for the turban toting good times and for coaching us so well!

Sr. Golf

Lorena Mason, Angela Skaff, Margaret Galley, Liz Howard, Sheila McKeen.

Coaches: Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Moffatt.



Congratulations to our team of 5 golfers who won a silver medal at the NCSSAA annual championship tournament. Our team of keen golfers practiced throughout the summer and recently at the Rockcliffe Driving Range, and at the Meadows Golf Club. Due to inclement weather (pouring rain) the tournament at the Meadows course was postponed to a (luckily) beautiful fall day on Oct. 3. In the team category there were 4 girls teams and we placed 2nd coming just 6 points behind Hillcrest. (If only Lorena hadn't hit her ball into the pond, woods and creek....!) Congratulations too to Sheila McKeen who placed 3rd overall in the individual category and went to OFSAA!! Next year—gold!!! FORE!! P.S. Thanks to Mrs. Naufal who accompanied the team to the tournament - golf is her new favourite activity now!



Hockey



Our hockey club had a different look since 10 out of 18 players were from grade 6 and grade 8, this year. Despite a line-up of younger students, our senior students took it upon themselves to make them feel at ease and were great leaders throughout the whole season. It was impressive to see the chemistry all to the credit of our team captain Christine Leduc who played a major role in this achievement! A huge thank you goes to many people such as Mr. Roger Adams for being our courageous goaltender, to Miss Ashley Zucchetti who managed the students in the changing room, to Mr. Dube who managed the students on the bus and on ice and to his assistant Kirk Wylie. Thank you also to the admin team and staff team who allowed us to rent the arena at Sandy Hill on many Wednesday afternoons and managed transportation for us. Hockey is well and alive and still growing here at Elmwood. Thank you all for a great season, we had a lot of fun.



Honour Band



Carol Chu, Lisa Cameron, Allie LaCompte, Emily Soussana, Valerie Touchette-Mosley, Danika Leminski, Sara Bastianelli, Rina Halili, Rachel Currie, Anita Malik, Sophia Dhalla, Katherine Hales, Kelly O'Connor, Michaela McGee, Krina Merchant, Lucy Zheng, Victoria Bonar, Reba Wilson, Rachel Stein, Katerina Yelle-Labre, Katherine Rushby, Laura Haebe, Julia Campbell, Alicia Bartlett, Margo Vachon, Nikki Campbell, Anisha Sinha, Ms. Biggar.



This year, many students from grades 8 to 12 participated in Elmwood's Honour Band, conducted by Ms. Biggar. The Band had a very successful year, performing in the Kiwanis festival and two Elmwood Concerts. Our first performance was the Remembrance Day Assembly. We then played some Christmas tunes in Elmwood's annual Christmas Concert. At the Kiwanis festival we played two pieces and received gold in our category. Thank you to Ms. Biggar for all her hard work and dedication to the band.



Middle School Musical Review

Andrea Tannis, Celyna Arnold, Margot Whittington, Kate Boychuk, Julianne Assaly, Caroline Mulock, Rachel Oster, Caroline Mierins, Sabrina Villeneuve, Emma Lynn, Yuliya Belik, Veronica Bleeker, Samantha Fonberg, Roxanne Griffith, Anuja Sinha, Kaleigh Timmins, Olivia Tuli, Lucy Zheng, Kate Boychuk, Blair Stein



I don't think any of us realized what a commitment and wonderful experience it would be when we first auditioned for the middle school music revue. What started out as a game of "WHOOSH" and a way to spend a Friday night became a way of life that influenced what we did, and all we thought about. Many hours went into learning the wacky dances, memorizing lines, and remembering exactly when to come in. As opening night drew nearer, the excitement rose. The musical started to look like a production. The cast and crew even spent some weekends in the Elmwood auditorium. Finally, after much screaming, shouting, stress, and excitement, it was opening night. After six months of rehearsal, three performances, and much cake, it was over. We made new friends, learned new songs, and had a lot of fun. See you at next year's auditions!

Jr. Bicycle Safety Club

Noor Darwish, Priyanka Goel, Lindsay Brandys, Lilith Dost, Megan McGinn, Chloe Forgie- Williams, Sarah Melloul, Katya Brooks, Ras-Jeevan Obhi, Noni Shemenski, Michaela Kainz-Potter, Rachel McGinn, Rebecaa Seward- Langdon, Nikki Denison, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Fumi Shibusaki, Margaret Pateman, Zack Shemenski, Alexandra Parizeau, Sofia Zhang, Astrid Hoftun Jaeger, Jacob Gay, Cailin Craigen, Chloé Bonnet, David Schramm, Helen Hume, Sheetza McGarry, Patrick Pratapa, Katie McAdam, Hoda Darwish, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Julia Hewitt, Hannah Boomer, Melissa Yelle, Ivy Bregman, Tori McIntyre, Rebecca Boucher, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Ms. McCann.



The Bicycle Safety Club happened on Tuesdays after school for 3 weeks. There were three sessions this spring with different age levels. Ms. McCann gave the workshop. The students are learning to check if their bike is in good order, to signal with their arms, to read signs on the road and to ride their bike safely. All the girls had a lot of fun and would like to thank Ms. McCann for running the club.

International Friends Club



Ayaka Fujiwara, Cindy Fung, Niya Sang, Diane Nakamura, Miriam Goubran, Rebecca Moeller, Claire Moon, Thirattha Devahastin, Amelie Meyer-Robinson, Neeti Vanaik, Maria Icaza, Sarah Dost, Catherine Gibbard, Marisha Tardif, Kirsten Boomer, Maria Nazarova, Julia Renaud, Selin Saatcioglu, Louise Prior, Teachers: Mme. Millington, Mrs. McCleod, Mrs. Rubarth



With 19 students and 3 staff members representing 13 different countries, the International Club had some fantastic Friday lunch discussions and meals throughout the year. Starting with Thai noodles at our first meeting, Chinese, Lebanese, German, Egyptian, Korean, Indian, British, Dutch, and Polish foods were also brought in by students every week. Other than enjoying amazing exotic dishes, we also talked about such topics as Indian class rankings, the next World Cup in Germany, and the Chinese New Year. About halfway through the year, the International Club also donated \$100 to the World Vision Organization to buy new medical equipment for a hospital in Africa. This club was a great way to meet fellow students and to learn more about the various cultures in the school. We'd like to thank Mme. Millington, Mrs. McCleod, and Mrs. Rubarth for coming out every Friday to supervise and contribute to the club.



OSAID



This year Elmwood had its first ever OSAID club led by Vero Belanger-Legars and Jenny Cheetham. At the beginning of the year, the Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving club consisted of a few dedicated members, but as the year continued more girls came out to meetings. The club met several times this year on Mondays to help promote safe driving throughout the school. Our main goal was raise awareness and get the students involved in some of our activities. During NSAID week, OSAID put on several activities such as car stuffing, bracelet and pin selling, a moving powerpoint in assembly and the fabulous mocktail dance. Throughout the year, we have also had BYOB, posters throughout the school and two of our club members went to an OSAID conference. Hopefully, the club will continue to grow in the years to come helping to raise awareness to this issue. Thanks to all the dedicated club members and a super huge thanks to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Marchand for all your support! Good luck next year!

Ishani Nath, Meaghan MacLean, Alexandra Fottinger, Alexandra DeForge, Samantha Lamontagne, Cynthia Wallace, Sarah Buchan, Annie Kirvan, Breonna Burnatowski, Sara Bastianneli, Rebecca Moeller, Hilary Brown, Anita E



Robotics



Alexandra Fottinger, Alexandra DeForge, Emily Soussana, Shauna Turney, Elizabeth Maffett, Allie LaCompte, Alex Kanters, Sophia Dahlla, Nikki Campbell, Rebecca Moeller, Selin Saatcioglu, Kirsten Boomer, Rachel Stein, Caroline Tong. Teachers: Mrs. Kerluke. Mentors: Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Taylor



Once again, Elmwood had a Robotics team this year, with a small, but dedicated group of members. Although we chose to go to competitions every second year, we still went through the crunch time, everyone associates with robotics. Once again, we met after school every Thursday, but instead, we grouped off into smaller teams of three and four members to build our own mini robots (similar to last year's practice robot). This year, we created four robots, each with unique designs, which completed the task successfully, with the help of our mentors. A huge thank you goes out, on behalf of the whole team to Ms. Kerluke and all of the mentors for helping us have a really successful year!

Jr. Recorder Ensemble



Adriana Moeller, Alexandria Nguyen, Ameera Moledina, Grace Crolla, Hannah Boomer, Ivy Bregman, Jordana Polisuk, Julia Davis, Julia Hewitt, Rebecca Robinson, and Tori McIntyre. Teacher: Mrs. Bowers



This years Recorder Ensemble was comprised of more than half the Grade 5 class and was of extremely high caliber. These girls were talented musicians who were able play difficult music ranging from Renaissance Dances to a rollicking "Hoe Down" written by 20th C composer Brian Bonsor. The group was unfailingly enthusiastic, never missing a practice, and working on the music on their own time as well. It was a real pleasure working with this group and I'm sure they will continue to succeed in their musical endeavors!

Sr. Samara



Emma Godmere, Margo Vachon, Lorena Mason, Gwen Cowley, Jenny Cheetham, Alex Fottinger, Alex DeForge, Shauna Turney, Selin Saatcioglu, Isabella Price, Julia Renaud, Sonya Wadhera, Rina Halili.

Teacher: Ms. Bradley.



Out of any of the clubs at Elmwood, one could easily say that Samara is the one that takes the most commitment. From August till July (no, really), brave souls have ventured into the Middle School computer lab, normally on Wednesdays, Fridays and even weekends, and created page after page of 2005-2006 memories that we hope you'll all enjoy. Thank you to ALL of the students who came out at different points in the year (some all the way through - we thank you!) to help put together 'Past is Prologue.' Special thanks to Ms. Bradley and Ms. Schmidt - your leadership kept us going!



Middle School Samara



Valerie Touchette-Mosley, Emma Dolhai, Katherine Hales, Joanna Znotins, Maggie Zhu, Elsa Mirzaei, Brianna Taylor, Alisha Texeira.

Teacher: Ms. Schmidt.



This year the members of Middle School Samara worked very hard on creating a great yearbook! They meet every Wednesday and Friday to have the yearbook finished in time. These meetings were very interesting, fun and the students got to learn a lot. Big thanks to Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Schmidt, Margo Vachon and Emma Godmere for being in charge of Samara this year. They worked very hard at pulling everything together. Hope you enjoy this year's yearbook!



Jr. Boys Soccer



Beginning in the second week of September all the boys in grades 1 to 3 at Elmwood Junior School participated in a Boy's Soccer Club every Thursday at lunch hour. Each week different teams were picked but the same enthusiastic competitive rivalry between teams existed. The boys have to be commended for arriving each week so promptly and so eager to play. Throughout the 8 weeks of this club the boys consistently played with sportsmanship, high intensity, and a great desire to learn and, of course, to win. Mme Gavan and Mlle Patoine also thoroughly enjoyed working with the boys each week. Congratulations boys! You were all awesome!

7-8 Soccer



Vanessa Mziray Morgan, Haley Abugov, Emilie Chiasson, Alicia Leung, Tamara Saikaley, Rachel Weinstein, Marina Tannis, Alyssa Hartvich, Sarah Gross, Carina Saikaley, Celyna Arnold, Maggie Murray, Rachel Murray.

Coaches: Karla Clark, Lorena Mason, Olivia Scott, Liz Maffett



The 7/8 Soccer team had a very short season this year, participating in only one tournament. Many girls tried out this year but since it was an indoor tournament only 11 girls could make the team. After the team was made, we practiced hard and got ready for the tournament. At the tournament we won 3 games and made it to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost in the semi-finals but we had a lot of fun. We would like to thank Coach Karla and her helpers Liz Maffett, Lorena Mason and Olivia Scott. Thanks for a great season!



Student Ambassadors



The student ambassadors this year were a dynamic team of leaders. From open houses to shadowing new students to welcoming prospective parents/students, the Student Ambassadors were always there with a smile. They stepped up to the tasks of leading and voicing all of Elmwood's fine qualities. They are the faces of Elmwood and leaders in the making. Without the help of the Student Ambassadors being at every Elmwood event and open house I would not have been able to be a successful Admission Prefect this year. Thank you Mr. Welch for all of your hard work and help in the development of this wonderful group of girls. Student Ambassadors are a great way to enrich the Elmwood and environment! Thank you and Good luck to Alex Fottinger, Admissions Prefect of 2006/2007.



Sr. Soccer



Courtney Smith, Lorena Mason, Sarah Quinn, Gwen Cowley, Virginia Brown, Kerri Haynes, Liz Maffett, Selin Saatcioglu, Olivia Scott, Vanessa Assaly, Forrest Hartman, Danielle Hodgson, Emily Mansfield, Nicolle Bonar, Maria Nazarova, Jessica Edwards, Alicia Bartlett.

Coaches: Karla Clarke, Ms. Wendorf.



This year the soccer team played in tier 1 instead of tier 2 giving us the chance to make OFSAA. During the regular season we came 2nd overall, the highlight being our win against Ashbury 4-0. We then went to playoffs where we progressed to OFSAA. This year OFSAA was in Kenora, so we flew to Winnipeg and drove the 2.5 hours back to Kenora. At OFSAA we did well, but unfortunately we did not come home with a medal. We would like to thank our coaches Karla and Ms. Wendorf for all their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work. Thanks for a great season! See you on the soccer field next year!



Sr. Swim Team



Sara Bastianelli, Nikki Campbell, Carol Chu, Sophia Dhalla, Alexandra Fottinger, Rina Halili, Lizzie Howard, Malene Hoftun Jaeger, Marie Hoftun Jaeger, Christine Leduc, Meaghan MacLean, Elizabeth Maffett, Lorena Mason, Ashley Masys, Neuczki Mathurin, Karin McDowell, Emma McKeen, Blair Stein, Rachel Stein, Bronwyn Thompson, Jane Reisman, Margo Vachon.

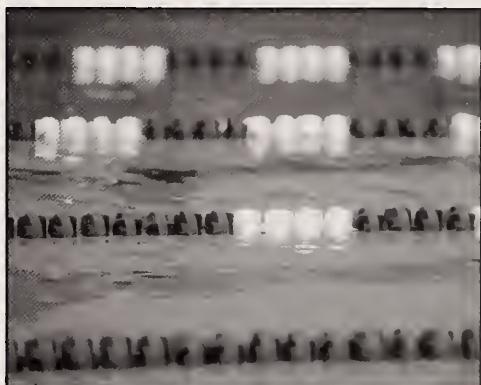


The Senior Swim Team members were a delight to work with. Despite the early morning practices and chilly waters, the girls showed dedication during practices and positively participated in the mini-meets as well as the Ottawa City Championships. It was great to see novice swimmers develop as the season went on and have their first taste of a major swimming event. The more seasoned swimmers on the team were quick to offer support and strategies to others. The team swam very well at the final meet and Elmwood placed in a number of events. Congratulations swimmers!

Middle School Swim Team



Kelly Woods, Ali Konzuk, Alisha Texeira, Anna Hoftun Jaeger, Charlotte O'Neill, Maggie McMurray, Jena Tannis, Jocelyn Sevigny, Brittany Oliver, Silya Shenassa, Lucy Zheng.



This year Elmwood had a wonderful and enthusiastic swim club. Every Thursday after school we would hop on the bus and hit the road for the St. Laurent Complex swimming pool. The girls would quickly change into their swimwear and jump into the pool. Mrs. Fazakas, Mrs. Miura and Malene coached us. They helped us improve our strokes and our form. Sometimes, we would have relay races, but regularly we would do laps. We would all like to thank the coaches for a great season and we look forward to another fantastic season next year!

Sr. Tennis



Joanna Schembri, Ruthanne Rath, Sam Lamontagne, Megan Cody, Alice Gibbs, Parysa Salemi, Andrea Bennett, Sarah Merkley, Emily Tepper, Katie Hyatt, Liz Maffett, Sandra Van der Jagt, Véro Bélanger-Lejars



This year's tennis season was a tremendous success seeing Elmwood bring home two medals: a bronze won by Véronique Bélanger-Lejars in the A-singles division, and a gold won by Liz Maffett in the B-singles division. Our two doubles teams, Samantha Lamontagne with Megan Cody (A) and Parysa Salemi with Joanna Schembri (B), did very well in their respective divisions. Despite a fall full of rainy days, we managed to play many games against different schools. A huge thank you goes to Mr. Grenier who coached us all season long, and also to the school administration which allowed us to rent courts at LindenLea and taxis for the games. Thanks to all for another great season of tennis.



Middle School Volleyball



Sarah Gross, Andrea Lessard, Carina Saikaley, Julia Fottinger, Celyna Arnold, Juliet Caragianis, Emilie Chiasson, Julia Churchill-Smith, Caroline Mierins, Julia E, Emily Alexander, Megan Grey, Jacki McMurray. Development Team: Kate Amirault, Chelsea Tannis, Ailsa Craigen, Irena White, Michelle Sleeth, Haley Abugov, Rachel Weinstein, Tamara Saikaley.



The Middle School Volleyball team had an exciting and very successful season! They came out to every practice and game with a lot of enthusiasm and always gave 110%.

We learned new skills and worked on our old ones. We came together every game and worked well as a team. Thank you to our dedicated coach, Mme Coates for a wonderful season!



9-10 Volleyball



Jessica Edwards, Megan Halliwushka, Sandy Kechichian, Nicolle Bonar, Megan Cork, Prashanti Baskaran, Anita E, Karin McDowell, Rina Halili, Olivia Scott, Vanessa Assaly, Charlotte Pattee, Emily Mansfield



The junior volleyball team had a great season. It was filled with hard practices and lots of fun. Our team showed great commitment and much improvement from the beginning of the season. The highlight of our season was definitely beating Ashbury, which was a very intense 3-2 win. We also placed second in the St. Pat's tournament, which was a fun, well-played volleyball weekend.

A huge thank you to Ms. Wendorf and Liz Wilson for being amazing coaches and making the season all the more enjoyable. Great season girls and GO EAGLES GO!!!

11-12 Volleyball



Marnie Brown, Karlye Wong, Elizabeth Wilson, Courtney Smith, Annie Kirvan, Sarah Buchan, Kerri Haynes, Maura Furlong-MacInnis, Alex Pattee, Vero Belanger Lejars, Ishani Nath, Alicia Kerrigan, Christiane McGovern.

Coach: Mrs. Neale, Ms. Rossiter.



It has been an amazing year for volleyball. As a team we have had incredible memories, some of which will be my most unforgettable memories in high school. Yeah, we may have lost some games...yeah, the competitiveness and aggressiveness was a little much at times...yeah, and whether we lost, won, or were just plain frustrated...we cried...a lot... BUT there were times that made up for everything else: somersaulting on top of Liz, Sarah digging up the killer beast of Sammy G, and the incredible game against RND when Karlye was on the sidelines bleeding from her spiderbite. Finally, this season would not be half as incredible if it were not for our coaches, Mrs. Neale and Ms. Rossiter. Thank you for everything!

Ski Team



Bronwyn Thomson, Anna Judge, Kirsten Boomer, Lorena Mason, Anne Pigott, Tara Sprott, Lizzie Howard, Megan Cheung, Liz Maffett , Allie LaCompte.

Coaches: Mr. Meldrum, Ms. Kerluke



The ski team began practices in November with dryland training and then began training on the hill in January. We would practice Tuesday and Thursday nights from 3:30-8:00pm. We competed in a 2 day race competition. One race day was GS and the other race day was Slalom. Five members competed in level 1 and 5 competed in level 2 (4 members of these 5 were actually level 1 skiers). Overall the level 1 team came 8th and the level 2 team came 4th. We had a lot of fun and we would like to thank Mr. Meldrum and Ms. Kerluke for all their hard work and dedication. Thanks for a great year. See you on the ski hill next year!



5-6 Basketball



Rebecca Boucher, Stephanie Black, Ana Icaza, Hayley MacLeay, Haley Novak, Margot Whittington, Alice Bifield, Tori McIntyre, Katrine Lightstone, Quincy Batson, Emily Montgomery, Stephanie Babinski.

Coaches: Lorena Mason, Ms. De Jong



The grade 5-6 Basketball team had a short but eventful season. The team was composed of 9 grade 6s and 3 grade 5s. They competed in a one day tournament at Turnbull. They played against many other schools including Turnbull, OMS, OCS and Joan of Arc. They played 5 games in total, 4 of which were in a row. They won the first four but unfortunately lost in the final. They were very determined and played great. Thanks for a great season girls. Hope to see you out on the court next year.



House Councils

Middle School: Julia E, Katharine Hales, Maggie Zhu, Andrea Tannis, Priya Wadhera, Anisha Dhalla, Brittany Oliver, Kelly Hunter, Charlotte O'Neill, Rachel Oster, Rachel Murray. Advisors: Ms Hunter, Sara Anderson.

Senior School: Genevieve McSpaden, Ally Brown, Shilpa Goel, Sonya Wadhera, Hilary Brown, Cynthia Wallace, Samantha Lamontagne, Neuczki Mathurin, Emma Duret, Meg MacLean, Ishani Nath, Clare Funston. Advisor: Karlye Wong



House Council 2005/2006 was a colorful collaboration of elected students from all different grades and houses in the Middle and Senior School. Their commitment was an integral part of school events and student life throughout the year. In order to support Prefect initiatives, this group of spirited, creative, and vibrant young women held weekly lunchtime meetings. Special thanks to Karlye Wong and Sara Anderson for their leadership of the Senior and Middle School Councils. Congratulations on a great year.

J.S. Choir

Chloe Bonnet, Cailin Cragen, Hoda Darwish, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Ciara Halloran, Helen Hume, Sheetza McGarry, Sophia Swettenham, Katie McAdam, Julian Yau, Anthony Zhong, Sarah Jackson, Nicola Denison, Jake Gay, Astrid Hoftun Jaeger, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Sahej Kaur, Fumi Shibutani, Chloe Lucas, Brooke Mierens, Alex Parizeau, Margaret Pateman, Meredith Wilson-Smith, Hannah Dolhai, Louisa James-Beswick, Jenna Moledina, Claudia Cinotti Ballarte, Katya Brooks. Teacher: Ms. Pike



The primary choir got off to a great start in September with 25 energetic young singers from Grades 1 to 3 attending weekly practices. Our first performance was at the Remembrance Day Junior School assembly. We have enjoyed learning a variety of songs, including some from different cultures. We have also become very good at articulating our words and using lots of expression in our singing. Well done, Primary Choir!

MS. Ultimate Frisbee



Grade 7 team: Celyna Arnold, Ailsa Craigen, Alyssa Hartvich, Juliet Caragianis, Julia Fottinger, Sarah Gross, Kate Amirault, Lauren Halliwushka.
Coach: Ms. Kerluke.

Grade 8 team: Laura Brazeau, Julia Churchill-Smith, Emilie Chiasson, Cristina Lima, Michelle Sleeth, Jenny Shepherd, Rachel Weinstein, Lucy Zheng.
Coach: Ms. Kolodziechuk



This year Elmwood and Ashbury joined forces to create two ultimate teams, one for grade 7 and one for grade 8. We had to pull ourselves out of bed at the crack of dawn to make it to the early morning practices. Thanks to our coaches, Ms. Kolodziechuk and Ms. Kerluke, who taught us the skills of ultimate and the spirit of the game. With a flick of our wrists, we showed our skills at the tournament on May 25. We played great and had an amazing time. Our team will forever have a field of memories.



Chime Choir



Rachel McGinn, Zakiya Abdullah, Michaela Kainz-Potter, Sarah Melloul, Hannah Boomer, Alana Bobra, Larissa Bobra, Priya Muradia, Rebecca Robinson, Allison Bui, Noor Darwish.

Teacher: Ms. Wiley



The chime choir, run by senior kindergarten teacher Ms. Wiley, is made up of students in grades 3, 4 and 5 who practice once a week. Everyone is given two hand chimes which they must play at a certain part of the song. If all the notes are played at the right time, the result is a beautiful song. To play well, they must pay close attention to Ms. Wiley and the song. They perform at Elmwood concerts and assemblies and are a much loved club at Elmwood School. The highlights of the year were the performances at the Holiday Concert in December and the Closing Ceremonies in June.



3-4 Soccer



Grade 3: Zakiya Abdullah, Claire Avisar, Katya Brooks, Claudia Cinotti Ballarte, Maaike Gooderham, Michaela Kainz-Potter, Ras-Jeevan Obhi, Noni Shemenski, Paige Tremblay.

Grade 4: Scout Frewer, Priyanka Goel, Selena Saikaley, Alyssa Shenassa, Katia Tawagi, Emily Groper, Joa Hoshizaki, Courtney Mulock, Priya Muradina.



The grade 3 and 4 girls' lunchtime Soccer Club was a great success. We had a very dedicated group of eighteen girls who came out every Wednesday for thirty minutes at the lunch recess. Luckily the weather was cooperative and we only had to cancel one practice out of the whole session. Each practice started with some drills to build up skills and understanding of the game. The second half of the practice always involved a game, with the students trying out different positions on the field and mixing up the teams each time. The girls showed themselves to be very skillful and athletic, and all players improved over the course of the term. Their competitive nature also showed through, when we finished up the season with a challenge against the boys' soccer club. The game ended up as a tie, with no score on the board, but most importantly, everyone had fun and applied the skills they had developed.

Clay Club



Alana Shahbazian, Emily Montgomery, Rebecca Robinson, Ameera Moledina, Melissa Noel, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Alexandria Nguyen, Melissa Yelle, Rebecca Boucher, Julia Hewitt, Ivy Bregman, Tori McIntyre, Stephanie Babinski, Margot Whittington, Kelly Woods, Christina Rizk, Emily Featherstone, Yuliya Belik, Stephanie Shenassa, Quincy Batson, Sahar Salari, Stephanie Black, Anisha Dhalla, Birte Brockmann, Bronwyn Moore, Joanna Znotins
Helpers: Lawrie Shahbazian, Christina Jacobsen.



The grade 5 students from the Junior School came to the art room for four Wednesdays from 3:40- 5:00 p.m. to create sculptures, pots, and animals for Dog Day afternoon. They also learned how to use the various tools and glazes to create works of art. It was a wonderful four weeks and I look forward to working with the girls next year in clay club and in the grade six art class. Every Wednesday after school, lots of Middle School students went to the Art Room. We had lots of fun making clay bowls, plates, cups, animals and other random objects. When we were done sculpting them, we painted our creations to make them really good looking. A huge thank you goes to Ms. MacLeod for all of her hard work on organizing this event. Thanks to everyone who showed up. We hope to see most of you again next year!

5-6 Soccer



Stephanie Babinski, Stephanie Black, Hayley MacLeay, Brianna Taylor, Rebecca Boucher, Tori McIntyre, Julia Hewitt, Emily Montgomery, Alisha Texeira, Julia Davis, Alice Bifield, Laila Murray, Juliana Assaly.

Coaches: Ms. Tweedie, Lorena Mason, Liz Maffett, Olivia Scott.



The 5-6 Soccer team had a short season only participating in one tournament. The team began practices in October and were ready to go by the tournament on November 21st. The tournament was played inside at the ThunderDome in Kanata. The girls played a total of 5 games, winning 4 of them and tying the other. They placed 1st overall out of more than 6 teams. The team was very dedicated, practiced hard and had a lot of fun. Good work girls. See you on the field next year!



Sr. Dance Club



Kate Boychuk, Rebecca Cheff, Allie LaCompte, Anna Cameron, Priya Wadhera, Ishani Nath, Saumya Saxena, Ruthanne Rath, Sonya Wadhera.

Teacher: Ms. Hunter.



This year, the members of the dance club were provided with the opportunity to learn a variety of different styles of dance. Senior school students, trained in a particular style of dance, prepared and delivered the lessons. Some of the dance styles taught included Indian, ballet, hip-hop and belly-dancing. A special thanks goes out to Anna Cameron, Sonya Wadhera and Rebecca Cheff for assistance with the club. Keep dancing!



Duke of Ed. Silver

Karin McDowell, Olivia Scott, Charlotte Pattee, Sheila McKeen, Hilary Brown, Nikki Campbell, Krina Merchant, Cynthia Wallace, Megan Cody, Sarah Merkley, Prashanthi Baskaran, Sana Syed, Katie Hyatt, Neuczki Mathurin, Emily Tepper, Samantha Lamontagne, Jasmine Rasuli, Julia Campbell, Vanessa Assaly, Megan Halliwushka, Isabella Price, Malene Hoftun-Jaeger, Anne Pigott, Emily Mansfield, Carol Chu, Danielle Hodgson. Teachers: Ms. Kerluke, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Moffat, Ms. Wendorf, Liz Wilson.



We heard the howling first. Hundreds of dogs sitting on their haunches and lifting their muzzles and voices to the overcast sky. They were excited. They knew a run was starting. There were 35 of us - 4 teachers, 4 guides and 27 participants. Our coordinator, Mrs. Marchand had become very ill before we left. Luckily, Ms. McCann was able to fill in for her. Two teachers and two guides were with each of the two groups of students. The groups were divided in sleds - 2 girls and 6 dogs per sled. The sleds then ran single file through the trails of Algonquin Park. Thank you to the 4 teachers that accompanied us. We had lots of fun.

Sr. Envirothon

Alex Deforge, Alex Fottinger, Lorena Mason, Ishani Nath, Prashanthi Baskaran.

Teachers: Mrs. Anderson, Dr. Mahin, Ms. McCann



On April 26th, 5 brave girls and 2 courageous teachers climbed onto a bus to head down to the legendary Regional Envirothon. Yes. To conquer the backwoods of Kanata armed only with highly educational informational modules. After days of thinking and hand cramps, the name of Elmwood School rang through the trees as the Girls in the Wood were ready to face anything. Even the Provincial Envirothon Competition. Even global warming. With battle cries of "Save the Polar Bears!", and "You should recycle that!", 20 teams rushed onto the moonscape of Sudbury, with only pencils to defend an environment strewn with the detritus of nature lost to devastating climate change. Only one team rose from the mud to claim their place as Ontario champions. It wasn't Elmwood, but they were winners on the inside.



Middle School Choir



Katherine Hales, Reba Wilson, Lucy Holden, Olivia Tuli, Christina Rizk, Anna McCorriston, Shannon Currie, Anisha Dhalla, Anuja Sinha

Teacher: Mr. Palmai



This was another amazing year with the Middle School Choir! After a few missed rehearsals, the choirs, along with the amazing help of Mr. Palmai, came through with a remarkable performance of the school hymn and Vera Lynn's "White Cliffs of Dover." The Middle School Choir also performed at the Christmas Concert and received 2nd place as a triple trio in the Kiwanis Festival. They also performed at the school concert in May. Thanks go to Mr. Palmai for his incredible commitment and to all the members for working and practicing hard.



Jr. Running Marathon



Sarah Jackson, Karina Wang, Helen Hume, Chloe Bonnet, Hannah Dolhai, Jacob Gay, Nicholas Morrison, Zack Shemenski, Margaret Pateman, Katya Brooks, Claudia Cinotti Ballarte, Kim Godin, Rebecca Godin, Rachel McGinn, Alex Montgomery, Kyler Wang, Allison Bui, Priyanka Goel, Anna Gow, Jessica Kotseff, Megan McGinn, Priya Muradie, Hannah Boomer, Noor Darwish, Julia Hewitt, Tori McIntyre, Emily Mongomery, Alexandria Nguyen, Melissa Noel, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Melissa Yelle.



More than 30 students regularly attended on Thursdays after school for 6 weeks in April and May. It was fun to run a Club with students of all ages and siblings from different grades were able to enjoy an activity together. The overall goal of this co-curricular club was to encourage students to develop their running ability. Some students planned to use the extra running practice to train for the 5 km run during the National Capital Race Weekend or hoped to develop their running skills for soccer. Other students simply aimed to improve their fitness and enjoy being outside with friends after school. Practices started with a warm up kilometre and moved into stretching. We then would have some fun with running drills and games and would end with another kilometre of running. Thank you to Mr. MacPhie, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Blackadar, Mme. Couture, and Mrs. Huggins for their help.



Jr. Gymnastics

On May 10, parents were invited to the senior gymnasium to see a Rhythmic Gymnastic Performance. During the school year, all junior school students received instructions led by Mrs. Xinhong Jin, Anthony and Mimi's mother. Each class performed a routine using different accessories. There were also performances from Mrs. Jin's students from the Rhythmic Gymnastic Club. It was a beautiful performance. We would like to thank Mrs. Jin for all her effort and hard work. The students really enjoy her classes.



La gymnastique est amusante et vous maintient en forme. Elle permet de s'exprimer en utilisant différents mouvements, de la musique, des costumes et différents objets comme des ballons et des rubans. On utilise aussi les couleurs pour montrer des sentiments. Par exemple ; le bleu pour exprimer le mystère ou le rouge pour montrer la colère. Vous pouvez faire différents mouvements comme des vagues, des tours, des mouvements d'équilibre et des sauts. J'aime la gymnastique rythmique parce que j'aime m'étirer et me déplacer en dansant. Je me sens bien quand je peux faire quelque chose d'artistique et de compliqué. C'est un sport qui m'apporte beaucoup de satisfaction.

Jr. Swim Team

Zakiya Abdullah, Priyanka Goel, Hannah Boomer, Alana Bobra, Anna Gow, Ivy Bregman, Larissa Bobra, Emily Groper, Julia Davis, Claudia Cinotte Ballarte, Megan McGinn, Julia Hewitt, Kim Godin, Courtney Mulock, Tori McIntyre, Rebecca Godin, Alexa Naccarato, Adrianna Moeller, Michaela Kainz-Potter, Selena Saikaley, Emily Montgomery, Rachel McGinn, Alyssa Shenassa, Alex Nguyen, Noni Shemenski, Becky Robinson, Paige Tremblay, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Melissa Yelle



The junior swim team had another successful season with 29 enthusiastic participants eager to learn and improve their competitive swimming skills. The season ended with a meet in March in which Elmwood swimmers competed against five area Independent Schools. Elmwood swimmers completed the meet with eighteen 1st place finishes, three 2nd place finishes and nine 3rd place finishes. These fine results ended a season in which the participants worked hard to develop their skills in the competitive swimming strokes, starts and turns. Congratulations to all team members and thank you to Ms. Ostiguy for her help during the season!

Sr. Screen Team



Ishani Nath, Sarah Taylor, Malene Hoftun-Jaeger, Meaghan MacLean, Olivia Scott, Alexandra DeForge, Alexandra Fottinger, Clare Funston

Teacher: Mr. Meldrum



Led by the dazzling and brilliant Ishani Nath, the screen team put their creative minds together to make the monitors, generously donated by the Parents and Friends Association, worthwhile. 7 girls were recruited to create various screen slides to inform students on everything ranging from school events, to sports news to fun facts. The team enjoyed the work and appreciated the feedback from the school as one of the newest Elmwood Clubs. With Sarah Taylor as vice president of the team, and Jane Riesman for moral support, Ishani Nath successfully organized a source of entertainment and information for an entire school.



Reading Buddies



Alicia Kerrigan, Lillian Wallace, Emma Duret, Sarah Groves, Ishani Nath, Emma Godmere, Malene Hoftun Jaeger, Margo Vachon, Kirsten Boomer, Elizabeth Maffett, Miriam Goubran, Amelie Meyer Robinson, Beverly Part, Clare Funston, Julia Normand, Neeti Vanaik, Sarah Merkley, Julia Campbell.



As organized by the amazingly talented and literate Clare Funston, a group of about 20 grade 11 girls volunteered to read with grade 5 girls once a week on Tuesdays. This lunch-time activity helped younger students to better understand books and develop their oral reading skills. With the cooperation of Ms. Ostiguy and the enthusiasm of all the girls, the Junior School and Senior School joined forces for the good of literacy. It was a great and successful year, and Clare makes really good fudge.



5-6 Badminton



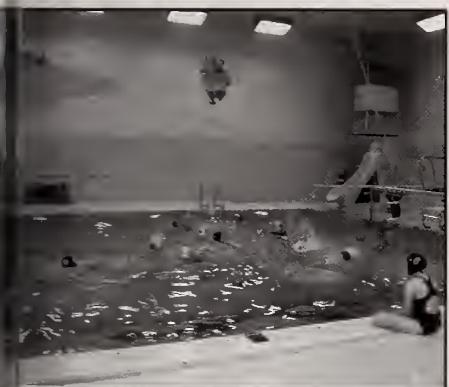
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Coach: Ms. Tweedie



The 2006 Badminton season was a very successful one. Thirty-six students and one coach showed up at the Elmwood gymnasium at 7:00 AM sharp for the first week of try-outs! Eventually, eight students were chosen to represent their school at the Ottawa Independent School badminton tournament hosted by Turnbull. The enthusiasm and effort displayed by all the players was outstanding. Congratulations and thank you to the students on the team.

Sr. Waterpolo



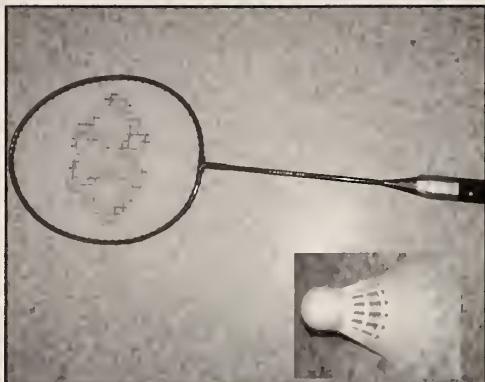
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Coaches: Megan Cummings, Ms. Lamb , Ms. Caputo



Once again, Waterpolo had an exciting and eventful season this winter. Reporting to the pool twice a week at 6 AM in the morning was a task that the girls all accomplished and were enthusiastic about. The girls played games against many other Ottawa teams, while working around their busy second term schedules. Rachel, Jane and Sarah also were chosen as members of the Ottawa All Star Team. A special thank you to Megan Cummings, who helped Ms. Lamb and Ms. Caputo coach our team.

Sr. Badminton



Bronwyn Thompson, Erica Hoe,
Megan Cody, Carol Chu, Riyaz Basi,
Diane Nakamura, Thirattha Devahastin
Coach: Mr. Grenier



This year's Gr.9-12 badminton team put many long hours into its training, resulting in a group of hardworking, enthusiastic members who put all of their energy into the matches they played. Participating in various high school tournaments, at Canterbury and Franco Cite, the Elmwood team was able to compete against some of the best badminton teams in Ottawa. The games were challenging, but we were able to defeat several teams! Although the team did not make it into the top three, it had an amazing season and will continue to show the Elmwood spirit at tournaments to come.

Duke of Ed. Gold



Rachel Witherspoon, Alicia Kerrigan, Julia Normand, Emily Cork, Emma McKeen, Sarah Black, Margo Vachon, Selin Saatcioglu, Margaret Seaborn, Jane Reisman, Alexandra Fottinger, Meaghan MacLean, Julia Renaud, Scottie McLaughlin, Ishani Nath, Elly Smallwood, Christiane McGovern, Emily Miller, Lillian Wallace, Malene Hoftun Jaeger, Neuczki Mathurin.



Four days, three nights, add in some canoes, white water and 20-something Elmwood girls and you get the Duke of Ed. Gold Trip! This group of dedicated girls had the trip-of-a-lifetime after their four-day white-water canoe trip down the Demoine River. Luckily, only a few people fell in the water, however the contents of their barrels got soaked! Nevertheless, the trip was awesome and we'd like to thank Mrs. Marchand, Ms. Kerluke, Ms. Wendorf, and Liz Wilson for accompanying us on the trip.



Sr. Rugby



Madeline Burnatowski, Alicia Kerrigan, Anita E, Malene Hoftun Jaeger, Sandy Kechichian, Christiane McGovern, Julianne Hughes, Julia Normand, Marie Hoftun Jaeger, Louise Prior, Elaine Groves, Ishani Nath, Ruthanne Rath, Julia Renaud, Shilpa Goel, Devon McCormack, Jasmine Rasuli, Emily Cork, Hilary Brown, Sara Anderson, Charlotte Pattee, Liz Wilson, Karin McDowell, Anne Kirvan, Anne Pigott, Breonna Burnatowski, Neuzki Mathurin, Megan Cheung, Scottie McLoughlin, Karlye Wong, Meg MacLean, Véro Bélanger-Lejars



Elmwood's Rugby team started the season with great success by finishing third in the C.A.I.S. National Tournament. The success came alongside several injuries, as many of the veteran players were forced to watch from the sidelines throughout the regular season. As a result, some of the younger players were able to gain some valuable game experience and contribute to the team dynamic. With all the Veterans returning to perfect health by playoff time, the Eagles were able to once again find themselves in the City Championships. All in all, the team made some very big accomplishments over the season. The Eagles will be graduating some key players this year and they will certainly be missed. The 2007 team will work to uphold the strong tradition of commitment and determination that was so apparent this year.

Tartan Tattler

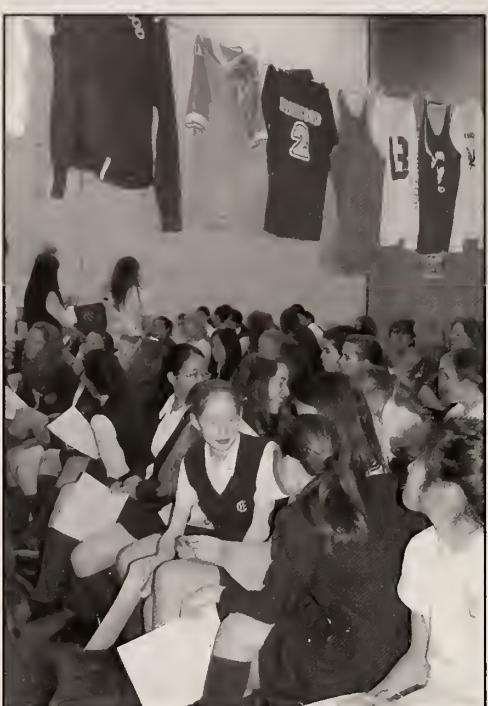
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year, the staff of The Tartan Tattler worked extra hard to publish ten issues of Elmwood's school newspaper. Now in its third year, The Tartan Tattler reports on all sorts of things, from school events to world issues to entertainment news. Not only did we manage to publish a record number of issues, but we included a new feature: "What's Cool in Middle School", created so that both the Middle and Senior schools could stay up-to-date on the latest Science Fair and Airband techniques. This year's staff included a myriad of talented journalists, writers, editors, artists and 'crossword-creators'. I had a great time as Editor-in-Chief of The Tartan Tattler, and I would like to give a big thank you to everyone who has ever contributed to the newspaper, as well as Mme Sabourin, our super-dedicated teacher advisor. Keep on writing!





P L O T



Student Life

Act One

Term One, Autumn

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL always brings new faces to Elmwood. New and returning students were greeted by Prefects as they headed towards posted homeroom lists to see what new classrooms they would occupy for the 2005 - 2006 school year. The excitement continued with the new tradition of the Hogwarts-style sorting of houses, as new Elmwood students from all grades were welcomed by students and teachers alike. (pictured below)



Get on your horses, ladies, and put on your rubber boots! It's time for some Honky-Tonk Fun! From fishing to grass cutting and learning to square dance, the **GRADE 9 ORIENTATION** was an incredibly successful night for both grade 9s and grade 12s. There was incredible participation, enthusiasm and spirit from everyone! Thanks to all those who came out with smiles on their faces ready for a great adventure and to everyone who helped make this event such a success! (pictured above, right)



On September 16th 2005, we the Terry Fox Marathon of Ho to raise money in memory of T Fox. We have, annually, **TERRY FOX RUN** remember his run across Can and how much he did for Ca research. Students and teach from the Junior, Middle Senior schools each ran kilometers. In the Middle Sel classrooms there was a lot excitement. We were all very after the run! Thanks to volunteers who helped (pictured above, and inset)



What would you do if you walked into school and you couldn't see *anything*!? Well... the Elmwood girls know the drill – you head to the gym of course. Too bad we discovered that the hard way, walking into school on that rainy Thursday morning to a very dark school with NO POWER! Grouping in the gym under the dim lights of laptops and cell phones during September's **BLACKOUT**, Elmwood learned the benefits of sticking together and cooperating so that everything could run smoothly and efficiently in a confusing situation. (pictured above, left)



Another one of Elmwood's traditions is the **WELCOME BACK BARBECUE**, a warm and welcoming evening when both new and returning parents, students and teachers can mix and mingle with a burger or two in their hands. This year, we had great weather and a good time was had by all. (pictured left)



Elmwood staff and students enjoyed dressing up their regular clothes and uniforms for **PINK ACCESSORY DAY** to benefit breast cancer research, on Wednesday, September 28th. By donating only a few dollars, we were able to sport bright socks, tights, belts, boas, hats, hair clips, jewelry and whatever else we could find and also receive a pink, stretchy bracelet to show that we've helped toward finding a cure for a cancer that affects us all. (pictured left)

Students enjoyed their first **SPORTS DAY** in friendly competition between our four houses: baby blue Keller, red Fry, yellow Wilson and navy blue Nightingale. (pictured above)

Act One

Term One, Autumn

Each year Elmwood joins in the **CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE**. It is a five kilometre run or walk that raises money and awareness for breast cancer. This year the run was on October 2nd and what a success it was! The Elmwood Eagles Team had over 75 participants and raised a very impressive \$15,000! The team also managed to hold its title of winning the "School Team Challenge". This year the run was fabulous! It was a beautiful day with no clouds in sight and there was a definite buzz in the atmosphere. Congratulations Eagles on a successful run! Special thanks go out to Sherri Lima, Sharon Black and Lois/Philip Cheetham. (pictured right)



As always, **HALLOWEEN** was a remarkable event at Elmwood. The prefects organized events for the whole school. The Senior School had a dance on the Thursday prior, which was organized by the Classics Club. The Junior School had many activities including a parade of costumes around the Senior School and a spooky haunted house set up by the prefects and grade twelves. These events were followed by a Middle School and Senior School pumpkin carving contest. Everyone looked great dressed up! (pictured right)



This year at Elmwood the Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving club planned a series of events for **NSAID WEEK** in October. The main goal of the activities was to promote awareness about impaired driving within the school and to encourage the students to participate and have fun. On Monday, we had a "car stuffing" event. The students were divided into teams by their houses and attempted to stuff as many people as possible into two vans. The winning van had over 40 people stuffed in it! The purpose behind this activity was to promote the fact that there is always a seat in a sober car and you should never get in a car with an impaired driver. Thanks to this and other events, NSAID week was very successful and we hope OSAID continues to stay prominent throughout the school! (pictured above)



h4Z class was thrilled to sing the UNITED WAY kick off at Nepean City Hall, last Friday. They demonstrated talent and confidence as they joined Mr. Gail Gavan in the singing of Canada. They also enjoyed watching Mme. Gavan in action as one of the lead performers for the event! (pictured above)



On Friday, October 14th, the prefects arranged a MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP NIGHT for those elected as House Council members just a few weeks before. Students participated in activities dealing with trust, teamwork and goal-setting led by teachers and prefects. (pictured above, right)



On Monday, October 17th, Junior School grade 3 students from Mr. Adams' class and the grade 4 and 5 cross-country team participated in the Independent School's Invitation PUMPKIN RUN, once again at Barrhaven's South Nepean Park. Grade 3 participants ran 1.5 kilometres, while grade 4 and 5 runners ran a 2 kilometre race. Students cheered for their peers and everyone came through with very good results. The children were able to collect a pumpkin at the end of the race. It was a very cold October day, but it was well worth the great experience. (pictured above, inset)

Act One

Term One, Autumn

During the winter season the four houses competed against each other in the **WARM CLOTHING AND FOOD DRIVE**. The object of this competition was to collect warm clothes and canned food. The senior school prefects Karlye Wong and Virginia Brown organized the event. Nightingale house collected the most items and was crowned the winner of the competition. All four houses managed to raise a grand total of 3333 articles of clothing and canned food. Good Job! (pictured right)



To end the soccer club season with a bang, the **JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS CHALLENGED THE SOCCER PLAYERS** to a match. It was a cold day in November, but everyone quickly warmed up as the competition was fierce. Both sides had a very good turn out. The soccer club students were able to apply all the skills they had learned and to show some team spirit as well. The game ended with a tie score of 3-3, with a promise of a re-match in the spring!! (pictured right, far right)



On Tuesday, December 14th, 2005, there was a **TEACHERS VS. STUDENTS BASKETBALL GAME** in which some of the staff played against the Senior Basketball team. This event took place at senior school lunch and was very interesting to watch. The basketball team ended up beating the teachers. Everyone had a lot of fun! (pictured above, right)



On Friday, November 25th, 2005 Elmwood hosted an excellent **INTERNATIONAL NIGHT**. International Night is a night where students from Elmwood get to perform a song, dance or even wear traditional outfits from their culture. Students and parents all came to watch the performances and the proceeds supported Child Haven International. The audience was later invited into the cafeteria to sample foods from around the world. Thank you to all of the students and teachers who organized the wonderful night. (pictured above)



The Junior School had their own assembly to honour **REMEMBRANCE DAY**. Mr. MacPhie read from two books on the significance of what men and women gave up during the war years and the sacrifices everyone made. The Primary Choir made their first debut and sang a lovely tune written and composed by Mrs. Pike, entitled, "Remember to Wear a Poppy". Mrs. G.'s class recited the poem, "In Flanders Field" written by John McCrae and Ms. Zemlak's class gave personal reflections on War and Peace. We ended with everyone standing and singing O'Canada. (pictured left)



Students had their first **JUNIOR SCHOOL STORY TELLER AND SINGER**. The children enjoyed the singer's performance while clapping along to his songs! The story teller told them a couple of very interesting and entertaining stories. He was well-spoken and animated, keeping the children's attention throughout the whole performance. (pictured far left, left)



On Saturday, November 26th, Elmwood hosted the Annual **5-6 VOLLEYBALL FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT**. We invited The Study and E.C.S schools from Montreal to compete against us. Overall everyone had a blast and made some new friends. Thanks to Ms. Tweedie for coaching us and thanks to all of the referees for volunteering your time! (pictured far left)



This October many girls had the opportunity to participate in the Secondary Schools' **UNITED NATIONS SYMPOSIUM** hosted by McGill University. Elmwood represented both the government of Sweden and Amnesty International and contributed to committees concerning the European Union and the World Health Organization among many others. The trip was an amazing experience and allowed us to better understand the workings and many limitations of the United Nations Organization. (pictured left)

The first annual PFAC organized **MOTHER-DAUGHTER SHOPPING TRIP** to Montreal turned out to be a great success! We were all constantly meeting new people and making new friends. We went to many stores and many shopping locations. The restaurants we went to were amazing and the food was delicious! We would like to thank PFAC for this amazing opportunity and their outstanding idea. We are all looking forward to next year's trip. (pictured left)

Act One

Term One, Winter



On Sunday December 11th, we had two **HOLIDAY CONCERTS** in the auditorium. The second one was with the grades 8 to 12 with the Honour Band and the Senior Choir. Many parents and family members were there to watch all the girls play. All of the performers were great and everyone had a lot of fun. Ms. Biggar and Mr. Palmai did a very good job organizing the afternoon and everything went very smoothly. Many spectators were quite impressed and were congratulating the girls for their performance. At the end of the concert, we were able to enjoy cookies and hot chocolate or coffee prepared by the school cooks. (pictured above, below left, below right)



On December 22nd, our school showed a ton of spirit at the **HOLIDAY ASSEMBLY**. The teachers told us about the meaning of the holiday season, the middle school choir shared a couple of songs, the Honour Band played some beautiful music, the grade nine drama class gave a great performance, and the grade twelves presented a great jinglin' rap. Last but not least, we all sang the 12 days of Christmas! Each grade had a part of their own - even the teachers! (pictured above far right, right)



In December, the entire Elm community came together and contributed gifts to The Salvation Army's **ANGEL TREE PROGRAM**. The program gives gifts to children who otherwise may not receive gifts during the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts, in the Junior, Middle and Senior schools - three hundred presents were placed under the tree in the hall decorated a few weeks earlier by the Prefects. (picture opposite page near left and I



A group of IB students in grades 11 and 12 ventured out to a nearby retirement home on December 22nd, 2005, to prepare a jolly **HOLIDAY TEA FOR CAS** hours and to also get to know some of the residents and provide them with a little entertainment. Having handed out hand-made ornaments and cards prepared several weeks before, as well as homemade treats, and also having performed a small holiday concert and sing-along, students and residents alike had a great time. Thank you to Ms. Willcott for organizing the great event. (pictured below)



On Wednesday, December 21st, 2005, the Middle and Senior Schools participated in **HOLIDAY MADNESS**. The point of this was to complete a series of tasks relating to the holidays. The first task was to answer questions on a sheet relating to the holidays, and the second was to make a holiday card. The third and fourth tasks were to sing carols in the gym and to decorate the door of your homeroom. All of the doors were really creative and they included winter scenes, tin foil and coloured lights and some giant paper Christmas trees. Everyone had a really fun time and I'm sure that they would love to do it again. (pictured above left, far above left)

Trips JK to 3

JK/SK: Saunders Farm

In October, the Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes went on a field trip to Saunders Farm. It was a very exciting day. We began our visit with a haunted train ride through the woods and then we went through the Discover Barn, where we found many things hiding behind doors. After that, we saw a great puppet play about safety and had lots of fun running through the cedar hedge mazes. Before we got back onto our bus, we were each given a little pumpkin to take home. We even brought a big one back for our class to carve for Halloween. It was a great day!



Grade 1: Four Field Trips!



Grade One students went on four exciting field trips this year. In November, we visited the Museum of Nature to learn about "Creepy Critters." We were able to see a variety of animals up close and learn about what they do to survive. We followed this visit up by writing a class book called "Creepy Critters and Other Living Things" and students wrote all about spiders, owls, cockroaches, and many other animals.

In March, we visited the Museum of Science and Technology to learn about Structures, Objects and Materials. We did many hands-on activities, including transforming toilet paper into something strong enough to lift a student, building bridges and building structures.



At the end of the year, we attended a "Puppentheatre" performance called "Can You Whistle Johanna" and we also visited the International Village at the Museum of Science and Technology to learn about different cultures around the world.

Grade 2/3: Baxter Conservation Area and Museum of Science & Tech.



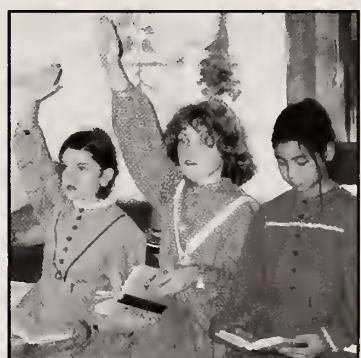
On October 21, 2005, our class had a field trip to the Baxter Conservation Area where we hiked on the Energy Trail. We saw many cool things such as a sundial, a windmill and a box that tells us how much energy we use in our house. We learned that a marsh is a type of wetland. We played a game where we got into three groups. Each group got two objects like soap and a picture of a baby cradle. We had to figure out how the objects relate to the Marsh. We learned that a marsh acts like a baby cradle because all the baby animals that are born in the marsh live in it. We also learned that the marsh acts like soap because it cleans the water. Our trip to the Baxter Conservation Area was a lot of fun!



On March 3rd both grade 2 and 3 visited the Museum of Science and Technology. The gr. 3's participated in fascinating workshops reviewing concepts on Magnetism and Structures. We also tested our balance in the Crazy Kitchen and went into space on the virtual ride called "Impact". We had a really good time.

Grade 4: Upper Canada Village

On Tuesday October 11th, the grade four classes went on an exciting trip to Upper Canada Village. When we arrived at Upper Canada Village, we had lunch and then changed into clothing from the period of the 1860's. We broke up into groups and began our activities. Some of the types of activities we participated in were school, sewing, cooking and even a talent show. We also participated in daily chores, such as feeding the pigs, milking the cows and dusting the house. We had many adventures, such as when the toast set off the fire alarm, and the security guard had to come to turn it off. We all had a wonderful experience at Upper Canada Village, and hope that we can come back with our families.



Trips

5 to 8

Grade 5: Y-Camp

At the end of September the grade 5 girls packed up their overnight bags to take part in two fun filled days at the YMCA-YWCA Outdoor Education Centre.

The girls worked together to solve group challenges and to participate in mini adventures like heading to the *Top of the World*, rescuing *The King's Ring* and quietly making their way through the *Spider's Web* without waking up the giant spider. They learned how to better cooperate and communicate on tasks from dishwashing to resolving class issues.

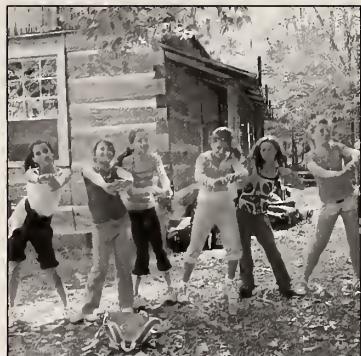
Individually, the students achieved personal goals at the rock climbing wall and/or high ropes. They rocked the rock wall!

The grade 5 students should be proud of their risk-taking and for the support and encouragement that they offered their peers. The girls maintained a very positive outlook when the temperature dropped quickly and when they found out that their siblings had the day off school due to the power outage. One of the girls said, "Oh well, at least we got to spend the day outside!"

We had a fabulous trip! When can we go back?



Grade 6: MacSkimming



On October 5, 2005 the two grade six classes left for MacSkimming Outdoor Education Center. We participated in a variety of activities such as a scavenger hunt, building, trust, team building games and team challenges.

The grade sixes stayed in three cabins without electricity and one with electric overnight.

The sixes really enjoyed the lovely food that was provided by some very talented cooks.

For both lunches we had soup and sandwiches with the choice of juice or water.

Dinner was lasagna, salad, garlic bread and choice of juice or water. There were two choices for breakfast: pancakes, sausage and toast. For the second option you could have scrambled eggs, muffin, toast or bagel. To drink there was water, juice or milk.

We would like to thank the people who made this trip possible. The teachers who came with us were Mrs. Schmidt, Ms. Tweedie, Mrs. Fazakas and Ms. Macleod. I would like to make a special thank you to Ms. Tweedie for organizing such a great trip for the grade sixes.



Grade 7: Space Camp



On October 4th, the grade sevens went to space camp in Montreal, QC. We had an amazing trip and had the opportunity to experience what it would be like in space as an astronaut! After a long bus ride we arrived at the camp. We were split into different groups that were named after famous astronauts such as Armstrong and Bondar. During our stay, we were able to participate in different activities. "My favourite activity was the simulator ride. I got to feel what it was like to be floating on the moon. It was so much fun!" said an enthusiastic grade seven. Other activities included building a bridge, egg-protects and even going on a space mission! I think everyone had an unforgettable experience. The grade sevens would like to thank our fabulous teachers, Ms. Van Riel, Ms. Armitage and Ms. Biggar for taking us on the trip of a life-time.



Grade 8: Camp Woolsey

This year's grade eight trip to Camp Woolsey was an amazing experience. We learned many things through our planned activities. We had a challenging game of capture-the-flag in the dark, followed by Ms. Ellison's capturing myths from the Ancient Empires.

During the day, Mr. Main taught us about the Pinhey House and how hard life could have been, while some of the other teachers taught us about clinometers, mapping, and how to perfect our "Woolsey Walk".

While we were making natural sculptures on the beach, quite a few people "fell" into the river (it was 30°C outside). Now, many of us can use a compass and are now good people to get lost in the woods with!

From Mr. Lamb's new Sears catalogue pose, to campfire songs (including Napoleon Dynamite impersonations), marshmallows, and Mrs. Spence's visit, Woolsey was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to all the others who came with us and Mr. Yates.



Act TWO

Term Two, Winter

SPIRIT WEEK 2006 was lots of fun. Almost everyone dressed up and participated in Farm Day on Monday, Super Hero Day on Tuesday, Ski Day on Wednesday, Gangstas, Geeks and Robot Freaks Day on Thursday, and Pajama Day on Friday. Thanks to all of the Prefects and teachers and everyone who organized activites for the students. It was great to see everyone dressed up. We had a blast! (pictured right, below)



Junior School students from all grades participated in a day of SKATING at a nearby arena, enjoying the popular seasonal sport on January 25th. Everybody strapped on their skates and zoomed happily out onto the ice to have some fun with friends. Thank you to all of the teachers who helped out. (pictured below)



On January 21st, 2006 many of Elmwood's Senior School students danced the night away with their friends and their fathers at the annual FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE. Every one was dancing or chatting and dads were meeting new dads. I think we really showed our fathers how to dance modern style. A break dancing show was enjoyed by many and the break dancers were even wearing our school sweaters! Prizes were given out to the people who danced the best. Everyone went home with a smile and the girls with a glow stick. (pictured above)



When you're a jet, you're a jet all the way, from the dance on the stage, to the Elmwood gym floor! On a cold January day, groups of students from the Senior School participated in a **DANCE WORKSHOP** and turned the gym into the streets of New York City, putting together the famous "Be Cool" scene. The secret talents of the girls along with the help of two dancers from the Stratford Stage produced not only a musical routine, but a ton of laughter and smiles. Thanks go to Mrs. Boychuk for arranging this and to Mike and Mikey for the wonderful musical dance class. (pictured above, left)



A group of Grade Nine Mandarin students took an educational trip from school to visit CHINATOWN, tasting some great Chinese food and seeing some great Chinese sights at the beginning of February. As they strolled along Somerset, they were able to practice some of the language, too. A big thank-you goes to Ms. Rubarth for setting it all up and taking all of the students downtown for a mid-winter treat. (pictured above)

Wednesday, the 25th of January, many students and teachers headed to Mont Saint-Marie for **SKI DAY**, with the chance to also snowboard and snowshoe. It was a fantastic day. The perfect weather and the great hill conditions allowed everyone to enjoy themselves. It was an enjoyable experience for all levels. Most of the students and teachers slept on the way back. It had been a tiring but superb day for everybody. (pictured above)

Act TWO

Term Two, Winter

Senior kindergarten students celebrated, on February 14th, VALENTINE'S DAY at the Junior School. Through making cards and other crafts, decorated with the traditional red, white, and pink, friendship was shared and everyone had a happy time. (pictured right, far right)



The WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE took place over two days, February 13th and 14th, 2006, at Upper Canada College. The group departed Elmwood in the morning and arrived to register and listen to the keynote Lionel Gerber address, an interesting start to a fabulous conference. The next day, the students explored topics with the theme of "Blueprint for a New World", ranging from nanotechnology to consumerism to international conflict. Several expert speakers gave us insight into a broad range of current events, talking of issues facing our world today. All of the Grade 11 students in attendance had a fantastic time, and we are all very appreciative of the teachers who volunteered to come with us, Mme. Adams and Mr. Welch. (pictured right)



Wednesday, February 8, 2006 was FRY DAY. Not Friday, but Fry Day, and the whole house showed the red hot Fryin' spirit by wearing red. Some guest speakers from the Elizabeth Fry Society spoke to the school about helping women who have had no place to go after stepping out of the detention centre. No job, no home, no friends, and sometimes even no family. At Middle and Senior School lunch, everyone enjoyed some fun whipped cream eatin' and slurpin'. The winners "faced" off -- meaning they ate with their face! Junior school students were treated to some red-decorated cake. Fry Day was a great day to tell everybody about the great person that the Fry house was named after. (pictured right, inset)





After a hiatus of a year or so the past and present contributions made by people of African descent came to the forefront in February. The celebration of **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** was reborn at Elmwood! This year the month was highlighted by a visit from an Elmwood Old Girl and 2006 Black History spokeswoman, Sarah Onyango. In her presentation on "Phe-nomenal Canadian Black Women," showed us that we did not need to look beyond our own country for role models. The month wrapped up with a Black History quiz/contest on the screens. It was a great success! Watch for next year... (pictured left)



On February 10th, many students, parents, and friends gathered for **A MAGICAL NIGHT**. This night was an amazing and very successful fundraiser for the Elizabeth Fry Society. There were many activities for all to enjoy, such as face painting, fortune telling, balloons, cotton candy and a bake sale. The highlight of the night was a "magical" performance by a magician. Special thanks go to Christine Leduc who organized the evening and members of House Council who eagerly volunteered and participated. (pictured left)



This year's **PLAY** by was unlike any other-perhaps one of the best Elmwood has done. The production was 'Emma' by Jane Austen, and it was an audience favorite. All of the actors performed amazingly with the help of a wonderful crew. Following a blossoming love story, the audience was drawn into the world of Jane Austin. Even the sets were painted by students. Under the fantastic direction of Mrs. Boychuk, we could not have asked for a better presentation of this theatrical delight. (pictured above right, above left, left)

Act TWO

Term Two, Winter



On Friday, February 24th, the grade sixes hosted a **BOOK FAIR** in the auditorium. They had to choose an adventure or historical fiction book from a specific book list. They then had to think of a creative way to present their book - some students used a rap, a movie, a poster, or a diorama. Everyone set up on tables in the auditorium and there was also a refreshment table. All of the presentations were very creative and everyone had a great time. (pictured above left, above right)



As part of their P.Y.P. unit, "The Giving World," Grade One students held a **BAKE SALE** to raise money for Evergreen. The class raised \$356.44 for Evergreen, a charity that brings nature to our cities through naturalization projects. Congratulations to our Grade One class for supporting the environment. (pictured above)



February 23rd was **OLYMPICS DAY** at Elmwood, in celebration of the Winter Games in Turin, Italy. Students and teachers alike dressed up in winter sport gear, modeled themselves after famous athletes and some were even decked out in the colours and flags of their favourite country. The highlight was at lunchtime, when staff and grade 12 students battled it out on the gym floor, playing a fierce game of dodgeball. Everyone enjoyed the uniform-free day. (pictured above, inset)





In honour of Arts month, we celebrated the artistic abilities of our students with an **ARTS ASSEMBLY**. Performances included piano by Madeleine Newton, an Irish jig by Katherine Rshby and a ballet routine by Natalie Ogonek. The performances were greatly enjoyed by students and staff alike. A special thank you goes to Willie Denault, the arts prefect and wonderful performers. (pictured left, below left, below right)



Some of Elmwood's Middle School and Senior School science students participated in the **SCIENCE OLYMPICS** at the Museum of Science and Technology, where they were given specific projects that came from all areas - physics, chemistry and biology. Many students came back with medals proudly hanging around their necks, having represented the school very well! Thanks to the science teachers and Ms. Boyd, who accompanied the participants. (pictured below)



Junior School students presented their talents to their peers in a **MINI CONCERT** on March 10th. Dancers, musicians, singers and others with endless talent presented to fellow students and staff in the multipurpose room. Thank you to all who participated, and to the teachers who helped out and set it all up! (pictured below)



On February 24, the Ottawa Police came to the Junior School for the **CHILD PRINT PROGRAM**. Most children had to complete an identification card and had their finger prints taken. The children were very surprised when the officer told them to store their prints in the freezer! This was so that parents will remember this odd place in an emergency. (pictured left)

Act TWO

Term Two, Spring

THAI DANCING: There are a lot of dancing genres that are often seen in Elmwood such as jazz and ballet. Yet how often are we given the opportunity to do Thai dancing? Well this year in the grade 10 and 11 drama classes, a teacher came in and taught us all about the dancing in Thailand. She even brought the traditional clothing so we could all try it on! This was such a fun and new experience, unlike any other. It almost made the class want to take up Thai dancing and we hope she returns next year. (featured right)



This year's **NIGHTINGALE DAY** proved our house still had its spirit. Students in Nightingale came to school wearing their navy blue with pride. In assembly there was a clever skit on Florence Nightingale and her renowned achievements. Afterwards a loud cheer was sung to kick start the day. By the time lunch rolled around everyone was ready for cake. It was tasty as usual and the Kool-Aid chugging contest was a great activity. I can't say that I'm any good at it, but I enjoyed participating. When the fun finally came to an end, people were sad that the day was over. Thank you to all who organized and participated!

The **NIGHTINGALE BREAKFAST** had a rocky and smoky start however was running as smooth as ever within minutes. The Nightingale Fundraiser was organized to raise money for the Canadian Landmine Foundation. The Foundation leads missions to de-mine areas all across the world to clear a path to a safer world. Their Adopt-a-Minefield program has cleared 19 million square meters of land so far! Through delicious dishes and an informative speech and video provided by Paul Faucette (the Vice President of the CLF) this event managed to not only inform Elmwood students, staff and parents but raised over \$500 for a great cause! (featured right)





On March 2nd, both **GRADE 4 CLASSES PRESENTED GREEK PLAYS** in an assembly. Grade 4Z presented a play called Orpheus and Eurydice and Grade 4G presented Theseus and the Minotaur. The costumes and decorations were splendid. The students really enjoyed practicing and performing their plays. They had a lot of lines to remember which was both challenging and demanding. Congratulations to all the girls for their hard work and enthusiasm. (featured left)

Science fairs give students the opportunity to engage in the study of a topic that interests them. The **GRADE 7 SCIENCE FAIR** projects at Elmwood were as varied as the students' interests. Projects included topics such as sports, music, art and psychology. Through their projects, the students discovered that science is found all around them. Based on the judges decision, Aarti Singla was selected to represent Elmwood at the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Science Fair at Carleton University where she was also very successful. Congratulations goe out to all grade 7 students who participated in this activity. (featured below)



As I [Blair Stein] began my graduating year, I was given the perfect opportunity - the chance to direct the **MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL REVUE!** I was immediately drawn to the Middle School as the theatre is very popular among the students there. The entire process was an incredible learning experience for me, from compiling the script to planning the logistics of the evening itself. Not only was it my largest directing effort ever, but it drew on every aspect of musical theatre knowledge that I have accumulated. Thank you to Mrs. Boychuk and Mrs. Moffatt who helped me with the show, and to all the senior students who helped behind-the-scenes. Most importantly, every actor in this production has been so enthusiastic and dedicated to the show. Congratulations on all your hard work. You all deserve a standing ovation! (featured left)

Trips 9 to 12

Grade 9: Duke of Ed

On Wednesday October 5, two buses filled with all the grade nine students, left the Elmwood parking lot to embark on a two hour journey to Bon Echo Park for their Duke of Ed Bronze Expedition. We looked forward to the journey with anticipation, but we were a little scared. We knew that we had to spend a night out in the woods and hike non stop for two days. This trip was thought to be tiring and that it would wear us out before we could enjoy the park but most of us were wrong. We had fun cooking together, hiking together, swimming as well as just enjoying the beautiful scenery at the park.

Half the night was spent shivering in our tents, worrying about bears and hearing some strange noises. In the morning we found out that a family of raccoons had visited our site. It was a scary night and for most of the grade nines the first time they had spent a night camping out alone.

The bronze expedition was a very exciting fun-filled trip and many of the grade nines have said that they really enjoyed being out in the wilderness and that they all enjoyed their time with one another at the park. Thank you to all the teachers for their guidance and how well they prepared us for the journey.



Grade 10: Montreal



Although all of Grade 10s had visited Montreal at least once before, somehow we ended up doing things that we never experienced before! These included being filmed a part of a T.V. show, and ice skating inside a warm shopping center. It is possible to say that they learned new things about each other. The most popular activity might have been shopping, but shopping was in fierce competition with the consumption of junk-food. Every vending machine encountered soon had two or three girls standing in front of it. Even at the top of a tower that over looked the city, jelly-beans and chocolate were being sought out and consumed. The ready availability of clothes shops, candy, and interesting sites put everyone in good spirits. The trip was rated by the Grade Tens as excellent.

Merci beaucoup Mme. Williams.



Grade 11: Y-Camp



This year, the grade elevens visited YMCA camp, Bonnenfant, situated on the Ottawa River. The theme of the three day trip was leadership. There was exciting non-stop educational action from the moment the grade elevens got off the bus. It began with trust games, including rope courses and blind walks. The fun continued the next day with a guest speaker on conflict resolution in the morning and a lesson on testing soil and water in the afternoon. On the third and final day, the grade elevens tested their bravery and perseverance with the high ropes course and wall climbing. Evenings were spent around a camp fire, and nights were spent in cozy, yet spacious, cabins. The food was delicious, the class bonding maximal, and the activities entertaining. The grade elevens send their thanks to all who made the trip possible.



Grade 12: Stratford

From musicals, to Shakespeare and everything in between the grade 12s can honestly say the 2005 Stratford trip was a huge fun-filled success. Setting off during the wee hours of the morning on our impressive school bus we made it to Stratford with time for a quick browse before our first matinee. The city is filled with fantastic restaurants, coffee shops and chic boutiques suiting everyone's shopping desires! We saw a matinee and an evening performance everyday accompanied by two pre-show presentations specified for student groups as well as a dance-work shop by some very attractive Hello, Dolly! Dancers! Special thanks to the teachers and parent who escorted us on this wonderful trip!



Exchanges

This year's France exchange was great! The students had a wonderful experience and learned a lot about the French culture and history. They had a lot fun during the weekends with the families, just as they had much fun during the week sightseeing in Paris and the region. They got to visit the Louvre, la cathédral Notre-Dame, and had a blast at Disney Land, Paris resort! The students even got to eat a superb meal in the Eiffel Tower where the view is amazing! Great thanks go out to Mme Millington and Mme Van Riel who joined us on the trip and organized the whole thing. The students really enjoyed having the two teachers there and are very thankful. Merci beaucoup! The students are now very excited for the arrival of their French partners, who are coming in September! Bonne journée!



Nikki Campbell

Last year I started my 6-month exchange with a girl from Spain. She came to my house for 3 months, and a few months later I went to hers for the same amount of time. It has been an experience of a lifetime. When Cristina, my exchange partner, stayed in Canada we became so close she was like a sister to me. We laughed and argued like sisters do, and we learned from each other, sharing stories from our home countries. We did everything together, from going to the movie theatre to going to my orthodontist appointment, she was always with me. Some may think we would grow tired of each other, but this never happened. One week before I left to go to Spain for three months, people were always asking me, "Are you going to miss Canada?" and I'm thinking,

"No! Are you crazy? I'm going to Spain!" My main goal from this was to learn Spanish, but the experience gave me such a deep understanding of the culture and Spanish lifestyle that one could never learn in a classroom. I learned how to walk, talk and act like a Spaniard. It was the most amazing three months of my life; I came back almost fluent in the language, and much less ignorant of European cultures. I encourage everybody to go on an exchange; there's no better way to learn the language and culture than to immerse yourself in it.





Rhiannon Peoples

Rhiannon Peoples, otherwise known as Rip, came to us from Calrossy Girls School in Tamworth. Emily White and Rhiannon became fast friends and she adapted to life in Canada and at Elmwood very quickly. We will all miss her friendly manner and warm smile as she returns home to New South Wales.

Rosemary Lazier's Trip to Parliament Hill



My parents were the winning bidders- and I was the lucky recipient- of a very special item from the Elmwood Auction: a day on Parliament Hill. The day included lunching in the Parliamentary Restaurant with Mauril Belanger, our local M.P.; sitting in on an exciting question period; meeting Prime Minister Paul Martin and having my photograph taken with him. Soon after my day on the Hill, the government toppled, an election was called, and the photograph was lost in the Prime Minister's Office! Subsequently, Mr. Stephen Harper became Prime Minister. What to do about the missing photo? No problem! Our new Prime Minister most graciously agreed to pose for a picture so that the Auction Item could be fully delivered. Thank you, Mr. Harper!

Act Three

Term Three, Spring



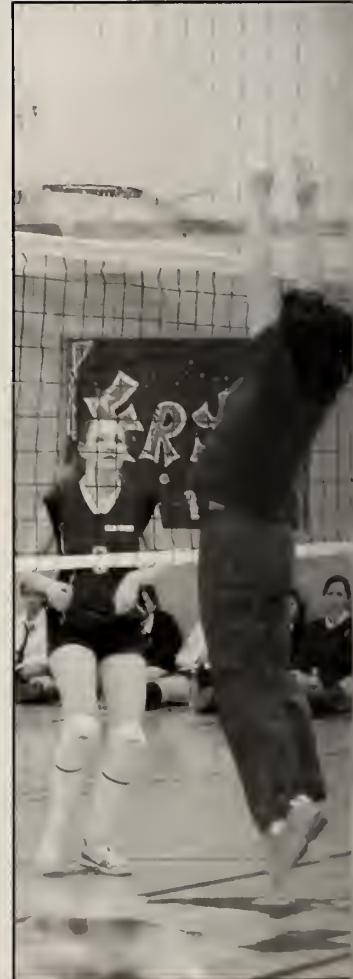
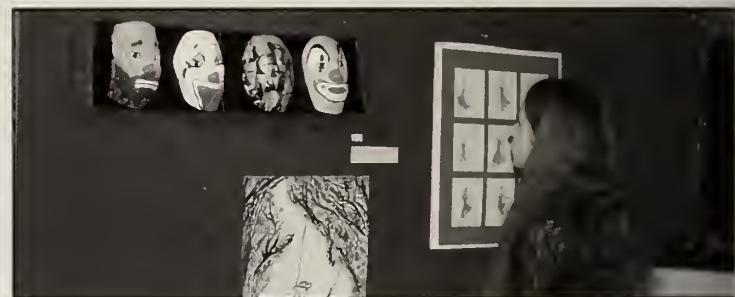
This year the IB Visual Arts students excelled even though they had the added challenge of having a new art teacher in the middle of their program. Each student glowingly demonstrated their fabulous talents in their final **IB ARTS SHOW** and examination. When the IB examiner came to Elmwood he expressed being very impressed away by the quality of work he saw coming out of Elmwood's Art program. He loved the show and the displays that each student had individually set up. Congratulations to each and every artist who displayed their works that night! (pictured above left, above right, right)



The week of the 18th of April, Elmwood students celebrated **LA SEMAINE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE**. Performances such as the grade 8 French class singing "Aux Champs d'Élysée", the Junior School choir singing a few songs, and the Angundua group coming to play African music delighted students and staff. Activities such as maple syrup tasting and trivia games rounded out the week. Un grand merci à tout le monde qui a aidé à organiser cette merveilleuse semaine (thanks to the French Club, Mme Williams and Ms. McCann) et à tout ceux et celles qui y ont participés. (pictured above, right)



Lunchtime on April 11th was reserved for the much-anticipated **STUDENT-TEACHER VOLLEYBALL GAME** that marked the end of the senior volleyball season. Students watched in amusement as they saw students and staff go head-to-head in a great game. Thanks to all who participated! (pictured above, right)





On April 5th, Junior, Middle and Senior School students in Wilson House all proudly dressed up in yellow and celebrated **WILSON DAY**, cheering the cheers and learning about Cairine Wilson herself. At lunchtime, activities planned by the Prefects and House Council entertained all students. Big thanks to the house head, Emily White, for the great day! (pictured above, left)



Shortly before IB exams were to begin, full diploma students received **IB ROCKS** to commemorate all of the hard work they've been doing for nearly two years. Congratulations grade 12s - and thank you to Ms. Szymanski and the art students who decorated the rocks for the grads. (pictured left, far left)



Middle School students were treated to a **SPA AND MOVIE NIGHT** set up by Sara Anderson and the Middle School House Council. Girls stayed after school and kicked back and relaxed, watching a movie with friends and enjoying some spectacular rejuvenation and exfoliation. (pictured left)

This year's Wilson fundraiser, to benefit Interval House, was, once again, a fabulous **COFFEE HOUSE** organized by Emily White and the Prefects, with help from the Senior House Council. Bands from inside and outside Elmwood put on a great show for all who came out. (not pictured)

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On April 26, IAN TAMBLYN came to talk to middle school about the famous "Group of Seven". He played the flute, the guitar and sang a few songs. Mr. Tamblyn also showed the students a slide show of paintings by the "Group of Seven" and pictures he had taken that were similar to the paintings. It was a great presentation, full of interesting information that was appreciated by everybody. (pictured right)



On April 25, the GRADE FIVES VISITED PARLIAMENT HILL. First, the students walked around outside. They looked at the flame in front of Parliament and admired the coat of arms around it. They then looked at the statues of the famous women who played an important role in Canada's history and took many pictures. After going through the security check, they finally entered the Parliament building. They attended a workshop called "How a bill becomes a law" the guide was very enthusiastic and made the visit interesting by giving roles to the students such as senators, members of the opposition, members of the government, governor, prime minister, etc. The students enjoyed taking the elevator to the top of the Peace Tower. They were impressed by the size and the amount of bells. To complete their visit, the grade fives went behind the Parliament buildings to look at the cat sanctuary. It was an interesting and very educational trip (pictured above).

KELLER DAY started off with an awesome assembly. A representative from Guide Dogs for the Blind came (with a dog!!) to speak to the school about Keller's charity. During both Middle and Senior School lunch there were great activities and cake! A big thanks goes out to Anne Kirvan for organizing the fun-filled day! (pictured below and right)





On May 6th, the gym was full of many excited students and teachers with their dogs eagerly waiting to participate in Keller's **DOG DAY**. This was Keller's fundraiser to raise money for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Despite the rainy weather, the event was a huge success! There were many competitions for the dogs to participate in, including best name, who could sit for the longest, biggest dog, smallest dog and many others. Special thanks go to Anne Kirvan for organizing it, the prefects, House Council and everyone who came out with or without their dogs. It was a lot of fun for people and dogs alike! (pictured left)



Students in Phys. Ed. enjoyed **ROCK CLIMBING** as part of their course. Each year Boulder City Rockclimbing School comes and sets up their challenging ropes courses and rock walls in Elmwood's Gym. friendly competition between our four houses: baby blue Keller, red Fry, yellow Wilson and navy blue Nightingale. (pictured left)

The **OTTAWA REGIONAL ENVIROTHON** was held April 25th to 27th at the Y Camp out in Dunrobin (the same camp the grade 11's went to for their class trip). Armed with our knowledge of the Ottawa environment we participated in one day of lectures and another one and a half days of testing through written questions and an oral presentation. We won overall, and also claimed first place on the Soils and Water Stewardship tests, thanks to Dr. Mahin and Mrs. Anderson. We had an amazing time and looked ahead to the Envirothon Provincials. The **ENVIROTHON PROVINCIALS**, hosted in Sudbury was held May 10th to 13th at Laurentian University. Although we did not win, we had a sciencational time at Science North, as we had free range of the building and even had the opportunity to watch Spongebob 3-D. We learned a great deal at the lectures which were given, and had fun writing our tests in the rain, while Mrs. Anderson explored the Neutrino Lab, miles below the Earth's surface. Overall a one of a kind opportunity! (pictured below)



Senior School **SPORTS BANQUET**this year was a major success! Athletes enjoyed an inspirational talk by Tania Singfield who told us to never give up on our dreams. Sports banquet is held anually to acknowledge the achievements of Elmwood athletes. A big thank you goes out to Courtney Smith who organized the event. (pictured left)

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The final **SPORTS DAY** of this school year was a resounding success, thanks greatly to the Prefects and the grads. Students from all grades dressed up in their bright house colours and experienced a fun-filled afternoon. Thank you to everyone who organized and ran the activities, as well as everyone who came out and participated. It was a great end to the year! (pictured right, inset)



The Junior School **PARTING PICNIC**, held at the Cumberland Museum, provided another nice close to another school year. With all students and staff in attendance, people ate great food and participated in great activites. Thank you to all of the organizers - everybody really enjoyed themselves! (pictured above, below)



On May 10, parents were invited to the senior gymnasium to see a **RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS PERFORMANCE**.

During the school year, all Junior School students received instructions led by Mrs. Xinhong Jin, Anthony and Mimi's mother. Each class performed a routine using different equipment. It was a beautiful performance. We would like to thank Mrs. Jin for all her effort and hard work. The students really enjoyed her classes. (pictured right)





This year's **PIE THE PREFECTS** event on the last day of school, to raise money for the grad gift, was as messy as ever. It wouldn't be wrong to say that the people throwing the whipped cream may have ended up messier than the Prefects themselves. Thanks to all of the grads who helped out and to the Prefects who were volunteered to become targets for the cause. (pictured below)



At the end of every school year comes the time for **PREFECT ELECTIONS**, when everyone chooses representatives for the year to come.

Congratulations to the Prefects for the 2006-2007 school year!

Head Girl:

Malene Hoftun Jaeger

Senior Prefect: Emma Godmere

Prefect at Large: Ishani Nath

Junior School Prefect:

Clare Funston

Middle School Prefect:

Sarah Taylor

Sports Captain:

Elizabeth Maffett

Admissions Prefect:

Alexandra Fottinger

Arts Prefect: Stephanie Shea

Head of Fry: Julia Normand

Head of Keller:

Devon McCormack

Head of Wilson:

Meaghan MacLean

Head of Nightingale:

Christiane McGovern

(pictured left)



The end-of-the-year **SPRING CONCERT**, directed by Elmwood's music teachers, Ms. Bowers and Ms. Biggar, was a great performance of a lovely collection of music performed by Junior, Middle, and Senior school students. Everyone in attendance - teachers, parents, fellow peers - enjoyed the performance greatly and felt it was a fantastic closing to the year. Thank you to the music teachers and students who directed and performed in this culmination of the musical year at Elmwood. (pictured left)

Grade Twelve

Student Leaders

As the **DUKE OF EDINBURGH STUDENT LEADER**, I would like to thank everyone that was involved in the program. By the end of this year will have been on seven Duke of Ed expeditions, and if I could do it again, I would. To the person who spends countless hours organizing everything or

spends weekends, holidays and work days on expeditions with all of us; Thank you Mrs. Marchand! Every year, new expeditions are introduced into the Duke of Edinburgh program, along with many new students in the pursuit of achieving their bronze, silver and gold awards. The girls participating in bronze Duke of Ed got together in groups and along with hiking, improved their camping skills. The girls completing their silver awards participated in one of the most anticipated trips of the year: dogsledding. This expedition was a great success in more ways than one can imagine; setting high standards for the upcoming silver expeditions. For this year's gold expedition, Mrs. Marchand alongside Elmwood graduate Jessica Harris ('03), organized a whitewater canoe trip. Although the canoes tipped...alot... the girls never stopped smiling and it was evident that they enjoyed themselves greatly.

Take advantage of the opportunities that lie before you. Want what you have, you don't need what you don't.
LIZ WILSON



After the slightly daunting first issue, **THE TARTAN TATTLER** breezed through the next six without any major mishaps. I've been writing for The Tartan Tattler for three years (since the very beginning) and I honestly feel that this year has been the best. There are a few reasons why.

The first reason is that this year's editor-in-chief is just so dam wonderful. (I'm just joking!) What *really* made this year great for The Tartan Tattler was the girls who wrote for me. Sure, they were busy, and didn't always meet deadlines, but their involvement in other parts of the school made for an even more diverse newspaper. I wanted to keep your personalities shining through your writing, which makes this year's newspaper even more unique. What also made this year special was the support that I got from my peers and Elmwood's staff. Seeing my fellow grads reading the The Tartan Tattler in the common room or getting emails from staff about how much they liked a particular issue (Mr. Main!) proves that The Tartan Tattler really *has* made a difference in the school. That means a lot to me - **BLAIR STEIN**



When I was asked in June of 2005 - shortly before exams - if I would like to do **INTERNATIONAL NIGHT** the following year, I was overjoyed. Having participated - either performing or volunteering each year - I had real been hoping to be able to organize it in my last year. What I didn't quite realize however, was all the work (thou fun) that was attached! My first move was to ask Ayla Fisk if she would be interested in co-hosting with me, and my second move was to let the ideas simmer in the back of my mind for the summer. On our return to school in September, we found out that International Night had been moved to November from its usual time of February, we had to speed up. We managed to get everything arranged just in time - the auditions were held, backstage and tech support was found and the programs were printed. With a few last minute additions to the program, the curtains lifted and the show was on! We had acts of all origins - Indian dance, Armenian drumming, and singing from many countries. It was decided that the money raised from this year would go to Child Haven (our usual charity) and the Red Cross for Tsunami Relief - we raised \$1040 for the two charities. All in all, it was a great success, and I am glad that I had the opportunity to organize International Night 2005! - **ANNA CAMERON** (and **AYLA FISK**)



Becoming **BIRTHDAY GIRL** has allowed me the opportunity to share in the joy and happiness each girl experiences on her special day. In this position I was able to express my creativity and baking skills through creating small gifts as tokens to celebrate a birthday. I have been able to grow through this position in becoming more confident in my public speaking and presentation skills. This leadership opportunity has given me the chance to connect and enhance the community Elmwood has created. Being birthday girl allows you to bring cheerfulness into a special day and I wish next year's birthday girl luck and I hope you have a great time with it!!
-KERRI HANES

I had a great high school experience at Elmwood and being in charge of **OSAID** made it all the more memorable. I first got involved in this organization last May when Sarah Yan and I went to Sheridan College in Oakville for 3 days to attend the Ontario-wide Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving conference. Until then I knew that drinking and driving was bad but I had no idea it was so common and never realized that the repercussions of breaking this law were so grave. After a series of movies, articles, activities and workshops, I realized that this issue wasn't being addressed aggressively enough for teens to understand the horrible consequences. After receiving the Judy and Margaret Toller award, Jenny and I decided to start an OSAID club where we watched movies and discussed various topics relating to impaired driving. Being a part of this club has given me an honourable leadership role that has allowed me to show a group of students what harm one bad decision can bring and hopefully have given them insight on what to do when it comes to peer pressure. Thanks to everyone who came out to the club meetings and hopefully you'll pass on what you've learned to your driving friends!

VÉRO BÉLANGER-LEJARS AND JENNY CHEETHAM (written by Véro)

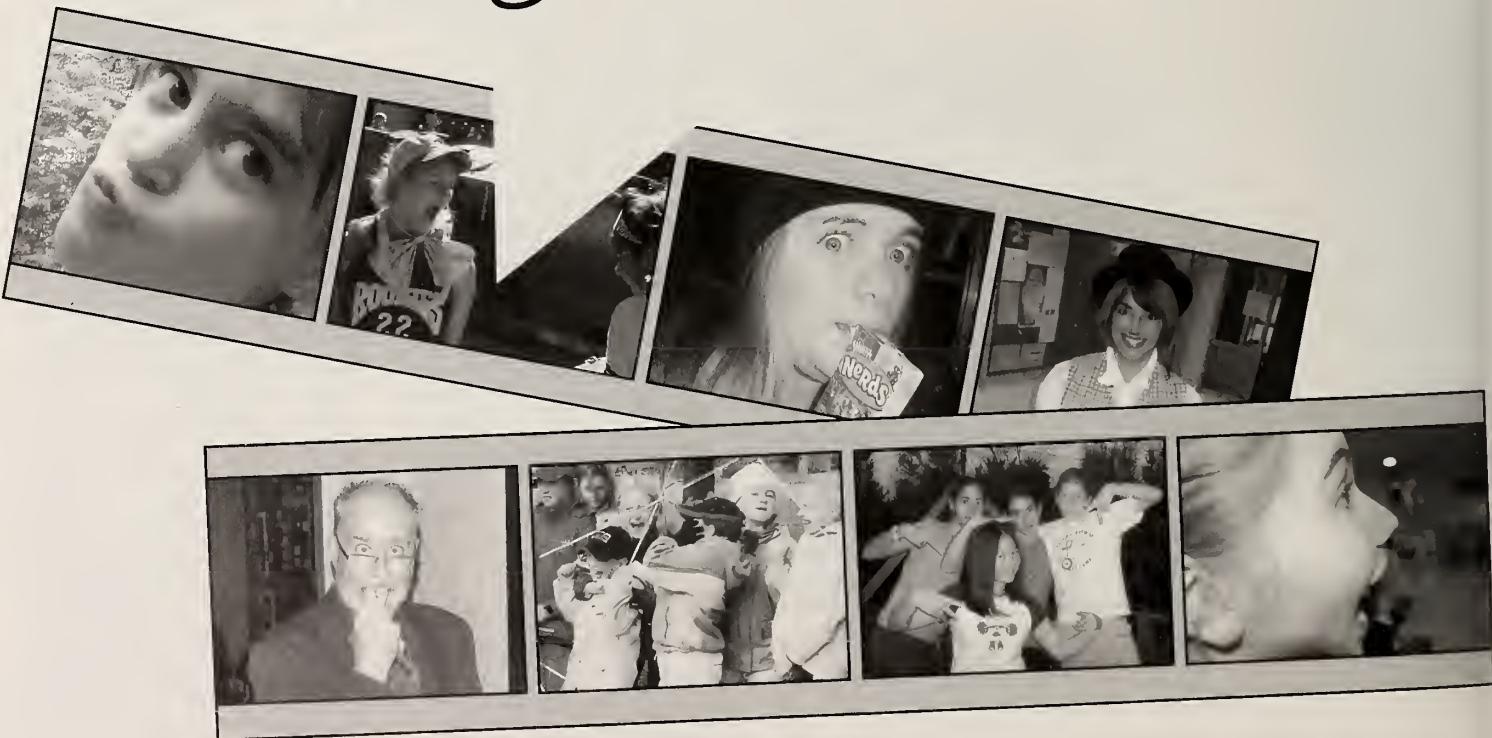


"The Grad Committee", though small, and not a huge presence in Elmwood student life, it is an important and significant "organization" in the eyes of the grads. Its main purpose is to start with a few grade representatives from the graduating class in September and to create an amazing night of dancing, food, music and celebration to honor the accomplishments of the grads and to come together for one final group celebration. This year our event was held at the Chateau Laurier in the Adam's room, the only oval hall in North America apart from the oval room in the White House, and featured a delicious meal as well as a new grad dinner feature; the grad opinion poll containing a wide variety of "most likely to become" and added a touch of humor to the magnificent night. Planning such an event was not an easy task and is said to be like planning the wedding for 58 girls, attempting to take into account the ideas and opinions of each and every girl. During the year, the committee faced a variety of obstacles including which combination of hors d'oeuvres should be served, and what colour flowers should make up the centerpieces. (Quite a difficult tasks I might add, as everything sounded and looked SO wonderful!) Special thanks to the committee for their dedication and efforts as well as to Mrs. Moffat and Ms Lamb for all their support!"



BLOOPERS!

staff and students
caught on camera



S E T A N D S C R I P T



Art and Lit

Arts and Lit

The Ruler

By Katia Tawagi, Grade 4

Ruler of the Attic awakens.
Roams quietly not to be heard.
White fur blending with snow, not to be seen.
Seals swim in the water.
Running to the water hole he waits.
The swimming seal rises for air.
Suddenly is snatched.
The ruler with his prize.



From top, clockwise: "Shaded Frog" by Krina Merchant, gr. 10; "Scintillating Simian" by Carol Chu, gr. 10; Ali Konzuk, gr. 6;



Prometheus was a loser

By Ayla Fisk, Grade 12

Come along the gray of the road,
metal-coarse and fat, from which
we find ourselves hung.
It is difficult to
balance [ring around the rosies]
oneself against the parallel
bars that intersect our
working fantasies. We reach
down and fall and laugh and
sing sing sing [a pocket full
of posies] because someone
has to laugh at the plague-grin
that freezes our face like film
being talked over.
[hush-a hush-a hush-a] When
did we slide into mechanization like dew
slipping off
the orchid. [we all fall down]

Somebody Had Cried

By Rachel Currie, Grade 10

War,
So full of horror,
But among all that horror
There's happiness there,
A life can be taken
In any one minute
Yet one life is saved
By another with care.

All 'round the world
Are widows just sobbing.
Across every nation
New orphans are found,
Sisters lose brothers
And parents lose children
And people are missing
When you look around.

Still, the pure, blissful glee,
That sense of relief
That you feel if your loved one
Shows up at the door
Just leaves you so grateful,
So grateful and happy,
You can't help forgetting
The lives lost in the war.

Blood has been lost,
People have died,
For every last person
Somebody has cried.
In all of our hearts
Are the people who met
Their end during wartime;
Lest We Forget.

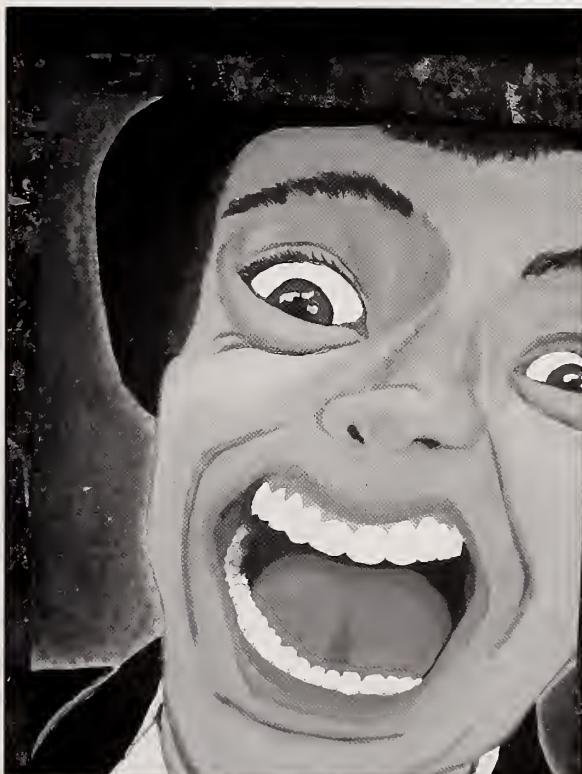


From top, clockwise: "Simulating Van Gogh", Unknown Artist, gr. 2; "Untitled" by Ishani Nath, gr. 10;

Ma Monstre

By Sahej, Grade 4

Mon monstre s'appelle Uniopia. Uniopia a une tête, quatre jambes, quatre genoux, quatre pattes, deux ouilles, et deux yeux. Elle est gentille, co-operative, et elle aime être près de l'eau. Sa nourriture favorite est les pommes. Elle est très coloré et elle a des ailes.



Glass

By Krina Merchant, Grade 10

The rhythm slowly falling,
Against the cold window, silver glass,
Her fingers press the strings
Vibrating with every touch
Like a system
Swiftly,
Stirring.

.The rhythm of the rain
Concurs with the drumming of her heart;
Sets the pace for the breathing-beauty on
Her lap.

She leans forward,
The night's chill echoes on her skin
The reflection of her soul – in the window
Blankly staring at her

Her eyes sink upwards to the
Pitch darkness
The only light from the neck
Glowing red against her skin.
She slowly stops strumming
Taking a moment to breathe in,
Its beauty.

Faster her hands move
The rain rapping the rhythm steadily
The moon shines, a reflection's cast —
Of a canvas suddenly
Full



Frop top, clockwise: Rendition of Mona Lisa, Grade 9 Art; "Adapting Lawren S. Harris", by Karella Boychuck, gr. 9; Opposite page, far right: Rendition of "from Beyond Borders", by Rebecca Cheff, gr.10; "Banana", by Anne Lavalee, JK.

Halloween

By Allison Bui, Grade 4

Halloween is coming soon.
Ghost come out in midnight air.
Witches on their broom sticks flying in
the air.
Dead bodies come in sight.
On a very long Halloween night.



The Harp of Tales

By Sarah Bouzanis, Grade 7

I came upon this harp,
With strings so fine,
And a sound so sweet,
It seems divine,
Invisible hands pluck
And they also pull,
If you ask for love
The ballads are full,
The notes rise in a crescendo,
And in rhythm they fall,
Spinning songs so lovely,
They leave you enthralled,
The songs tell you of sad times and tragedies,
And of kingdoms far away,
Of bottomless seas and ongoing mountains,
And green forests where the fairies do play,
Forever changing,
Forever unstill,
Looking like anything,
As it sings its sweet trill,
Mythical beasts,
Snap jaws quite frightening,
And goddesses' beauty
That strikes you like lightning,
All these things and much more,
Carved into a harp,
Depicting lore,
Whittled by mystery,
Strung by adventure,
Tuned by history,
This Harp of Tales.

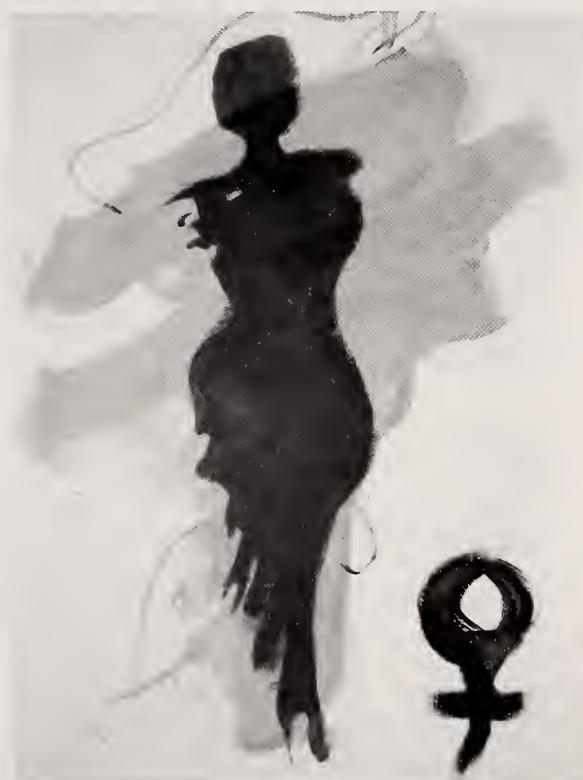
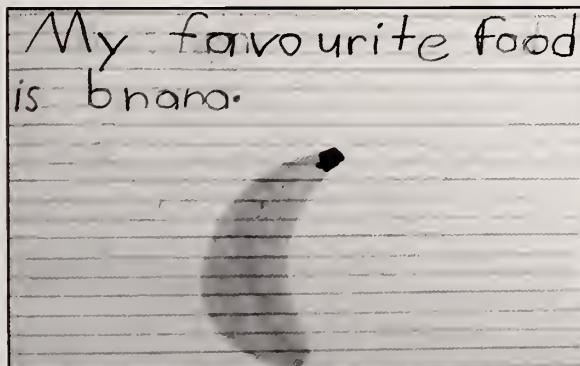
Ndi : Surrounded

An Excerpt

By Ruth Lark, Grade 8

The moon shone brightly through the clear windows in the corridor of the NDI space head quarters. It was Daniel's first time in space; as the guide walked down the hallway to the main platform, Daniel was busy pressing his face against the clear windows, amazed at the huge amount of space; he never thought that subscribing to a couple of space magazines and winning a contest on a radio could get him this far. "S'cuse me sir; this way," the guide urged him on, looking at Daniel half way through the hall with his face so close to the glass that the ball of his nose was touching it.

Finally Daniel left the window and ran to catch up with the guide, who was already unlocking the door to the main platform.

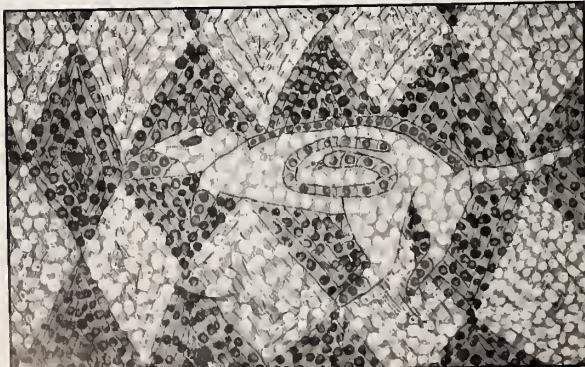


Us of Ice

By Stephanie Shea, Grade 11

To those of us who are of ice
We want you for our own
The touch of skin as it grows cold:
The softest touch we know
The copper scent in frigid air
Of blood spilled on the snow.
For this, my love, we lurk at night
In hopes of finding prey
For those too brave who chose to walk
By night instead of day.
To those inside who cheat our grasp
We'll labour to entice
In hopes you fall and leave your blood
For those who are of ice.

From top, clockwise: Tori McIntyre with her Coat of Arms, gr. 5; Aboriginal Art, gr. 7; Artwork by Erica Hoe, gr. 12;



Smiles

By Yuliya Belik, Grade 6

Smiling all day,
Smiling while we play.
Showing our teeth,
While hanging a wreath.
Smiley faces,
In so many places.
Laugh or giggle,
Your tummy will jiggle.
Opening wide,
Feeling some pride.
Turning a frown,
Upside down.
Loud or quiet,
It will be a riot.
Smiling together or smiling alone,
The smile will always be your own.
Wherever you are,
Even in your cool car,
Make sure that you smile,
'Cause they are always in style.

C U R T A I N C A L L



Finale

Prefects

2005-2006

Senior Prefect Karlve Wong

Throughout the four unbelievable years I have spent at Elmwood, I have had the privilege to become a part of the incredible unity and spirit that makes this school distinctive amongst all other schools. Having the fortune to be Senior Prefect during his past year has even further allowed me to appreciate the pride, enthusiasm and spirit of Elmwood students first hand. Through 2005-2006's myriad of events, activities, and fundraisers, I have realized that the hard work, dedication, and leadership of the Senior House Council, Prefects, faculty, and everyone else are truly the beating heart of this school. From the Welcome Back BBQ to Halloween 4 Hunger to Student/Teacher Dodgeball to the very end, it is the Elmwood girls themselves that make this environment such a great community. The mosaic of abilities and gifts at our school is amazing and being able to be a part of such a gifted group of girls for my high school years has been a pleasure. Spirit and enthusiasm are the key elements to giving our school life and at the moment, our school is thriving! Best wishes to all of you in your future endeavors! To next year's prefects and the graduating class: make the most of your last year at Elmwood and it will be one you will never forget! - Karlve



Middle School Prefect Sara Anderson



Elmwood! It has been a crazy year! I had the pleasure of being your Middle School Prefect and I can honestly say that it made my year *fantastic*. I've made so many friends and great relationships within the Middle School, administration and Senior School because of this position and I've loved working with all of you and seeing familiar faces in the halls. I'm going to miss it so much! Middle School House Council- you're all such a great bunch of girls! Thank you SO much for putting up with my craziness week after week and making my days here exceptional. I had so much fun planning events with you and I appreciate all the times you stayed after school or came in on weekends to support a great cause. A few highlights of the year were the Middle School Dance, X-mas Hamper Program (mmm oreo cake), and the first ever grade 6 SPA-MOVIE night! (oatmeal+yogurt+honey=huge mess). Ms. Hunter, the girls and I are so grateful for your understanding and efforts in guiding us to achieve our plans...AND keeping us on track...Thank you for being so enjoyable. Ms. Moffatt, Ms. Szymanski, and Ms. Spence, thank you for entrusting me with this position. You have no idea how much it means to me. Prefects- thank you all sooo much for the support and constant encouragement. This was definitely the best team I will ever been a part of. - Sara

Junior School Prefect Kate Meehan

I had big shoes to fill, as Junior School Prefect this year. The Junior School is the most welcoming place at Elmwood. My favourite memories will be of how the students welcomed and waved to me every time I visited. The sports days with the Junior and Senior kindergartens were a blast! Whether we were playing with the parachute or painting our faces, we always had a great time and got to know

each other very well. The Halloween party as well was a fantastic event to organise. I had a very supportive group of prefects, teachers and classmates that helped make the day a success. Seeing the

variety of costumes and accessories was very exciting. The Halloween party was truly a graduating class effort and I was so glad to see our entire grade organise an event together. I would like to extend a very big thank you to Mr. MacPhie, the teachers of Elmwood, the Prefects and the administration for helping make this year such a memorable one. Laura, last year's prefect, gave me a very good piece of advice, "kids are people too; let them impress you and they will." I must say that I have truly been impressed by their talents

and touched by the friendships I have made with the students.

Thank you and I will miss you all next year - Kate



Prefect at Large Virginia Brown



HEY GUYS! I've had a great time as Prefect-At-Large in '05-06! What's great about my position and the role I decided to play this year is that I get to know girls at all levels of the school: Seniors during House Fundraisers, Spirit Week and House Days and other activities, Middle School Students at dances, musicals and spa nights, and Junior School Students on House Days, on Halloween, and at Christmas Time (just to name a few)!! Without the laughter, crazy ideas, SPIRIT and support from all the students, many of these events may not have been a success. One of the great things about the Prefect@Large position is its flexibility and versatility. This year, I defined it as a leadership position focusing on fundraisers, such as the WARM CLOTHING AND FOOD DRIVE / HALLOWEEN 4 HUNGER campaign and the ANGEL TREE CAMPAIGN in the fall. The Warm Clothing and Food Drive, and Halloween 4 Hunger was a big success, thanks to all the help from Karlye and Senior House Council, and the school brought in over 3000 items. I also got to help with various spirit building initiatives, such as PUMPKIN CARVING and HOLIDAY MADNESS, and devoted some time to an AIDS documentary lunch December 1st. I want to thank the other PREFECTS for their support and their optimism, crazy ideas, and wacky initiatives – thanks to them; I had a great time as Prefect @ Large!

THANKS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT! - VJ

Admissions Prefect Nazik Amdiss

Hey Eagles! I've attended Elmwood for nine years, ever since grade four, when all schools were in one building. To be very honest things have changed a lot! It has been a long journey but grade twelve is finally here and it is flying by. We all have a lot of commitments to organizations, sports teams, as well as many other affiliations. The most important piece of advice which I can offer all of

you is to not lose yourself while trying to accomplish all your goals. It is very important to stay grounded and focus on the things which you can realistically do. Do not think that people will hate you or be disappointed because you say 'no' or because you ask for help. Becoming a prefect has been a wonderful way to finish my last year. As Admissions Prefect I often worked behind the scenes helping to plan open houses, training student ambassadors, and representing the school. The Prefects

worked as a team to plan many of the events that occurred at the school, which we hope you all enjoyed. I hope that you are all proud of the unique school spirit at Elmwood. Keep the traditions alive and remember it is important to enjoy every year, no matter how hard it gets. Time disappears faster than you can imagine and soon you will all be in grade twelve, applying for university, and picking out your graduation dresses. - Nazik



Arts Prefect

Williamina Deneault



This year I loved working with the Prefects and helping to organize your school activities. It was awesome to work together to help make your school a little bit more entertaining... of course this year was all about entertaining and the ARTS! My job as Arts Prefect was so rewarding and I thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to represent our arts this year... I am definately going to miss all your talent and enthusiasm. Thanks so much for all your effort and work as a school to help truly involve the ARTS here!!! ARTS MONTH, the Arts Board, and Arts Show were all a great success!!! Remember folks... if you can't be an artist be an artistic supporter! The arts will live on here at ELMWOOD... Have a great, arty SUMMER!!! Peace 'n Love

- Willie

Sports Captain Courtney Smith

2005-2006 was an absolutely amazing year! Both spirit afternoons were amazingly successes, with Fry winning in September and Keller coming back and winning in May! Everyone showed their tremendous spirit and wore their crazy outfits. This year coincided with the winter Olympic Games and for the first time, Elmwood hosted it's own Olympic week. It came together

due to the hard work of your Senior House Council, and we were able to compete in a dance competition, a shuffle board competition, and watched the teachers battle it out for the trophy in a dodgeball game. The Sports Banquet was excellent and really highlighted all of the athletes and the success we had this year. Our guest speaker Tania Singfield inspired us not to let anything stand in our way. This year, House Games introduced "Chuck the Chicken" and everyone had a great time throwing the rubber chicken at eachother. Congrats to Bre on winning the foul

shooting competition. Congratulations to all our athletes - it was a phenomenal year with incredible success!

- Court 1-2-3 Girls in the Wood - HUH



Head of Fry

Christine Leduc



This year has been for me, filled with red! Spirit, character and color exploded from everywhere. Even my room curtains are red!! I loved being your Head of Fry! Your spirit has blown me away and I am constantly impressed with all the things you have accomplished! There is something magical about the way a house can come together like a family and certainly something gripping about the competitiveness felt by the girls during house challenges. Elmwood girls have a strong motivation to make their work high-quality which is definitely something that makes this school that much better and a pleasure to be a part of. A Magical Night was a fantastic event filled with mystery, excitement and fun! With approximately 150 guests and fabulous entertainers, the ever was a huge success with considerable profit. Thank you to all of those who volunteered and attended the event. I want to thank all of my Fry gals for the crazy fun memories from Spirit Day that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Congrats to Fry and our hardworking House Council on our great wins th year! Keep the House running next year! My last words to all of you are to hold on to the good times so you can laugh through the bad. Live life to the fullest and let the good times roll. - Christine

Head of Keller Annie Kirvan

#1 is who we are!



This year has been amazing and I am so proud to be part of this awesome house. From Sports Day to Keller Day and all of the spirit days in between, the energy has always been present whether it is coming to house games, cheering or being at school events. It never ceases to amaze me that the whole house, staff included, would show up dressed from head to toe in baby blue! Teacher dodge ball, trivial pursuit and numerous other inter-house challenges will be forever memorable. Our annual Dog Day fundraiser turned out to be a great success complete with canine competitions, raffles, a BBQ and prizes. We raised \$644.00 for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind and managed to squeeze over 50 dogs into the gym! Thank you so much to all of the girls in Keller for making this such an amazing year. There couldn't have been a better way to end my four years in this house than with our 1st place win at spirit afternoon. Good luck to next years head of Keller. Remember to always cheer the loudest, play hard, and most of all, have fun!

GO KELLER!!!!!! - Annie

Head of Nightingale Sarah Quinn



The breakfast, the breakfast, the breakfast's on fire!! What a year this has been. The girls of Nightingale never cease to amaze me with their spirit, dedication and creativity. Our year started off with a bang on our first sports afternoon, where we dazzled the other houses with our spirit and skills- coming in a tidy 3rd place. But that was just the beginning! At the warm clothing and food drive Nightingale brought in more than 800 items, winning the competition and delivering an amazing number of house points. Nightingale girls truly believe in their house motto: *Not for Ourselves Alone* and were eager to help with the House fundraiser, the 3rd annual Nightingale Landmines Awareness Breakfast. On March 3rd, bagels, croissants, waffles, eggs and crepes filled the cafeteria, and the stomachs of those who attended. Paul Fauchette of the Canadian Landmine Foundation inspired the attendees with stories of the effects of landmines, and made our cause seem all the more real. We raised over \$500, and were able to make a large donation of extra food to the Shepherds of Good that morning, with only a few minor glitches (bagels on fire!!) Be it winning an insane dodgeball game, or at the school late into the evening decorating, Nightingale House has proven how amazing they are. Thanks to my family, my friends, the House Council girls and the Prefects for making my year and being so supportive, I couldn't have done it without you! Being Head of Nightingale has been my pleasure, and I wish the best of luck to next year's Head! - Sarah

Head of Wilson Emily White

Wilson, congrats on another stellar year! House Cup baby, woot woot! This year your spirit was unyielding in the face of our adversaries. None can compare with your enthusiasm in House Games and Sports Days (let's face it, we kicked hardcore)! The outfits never cease to amaze me and your dedication to the colors purple and yellow are above and beyond. Our new cheers will no doubt prompt many more years of Wilson pride and I am certain that you will come up with countless others. Coffee House this year was a blast with tons of great bands. Thanks to all of you who came out to support our charity Interval House. Thank you for all your support throughout the year. Wilson will always be #1 in my heart!

Infinite Love - Emily



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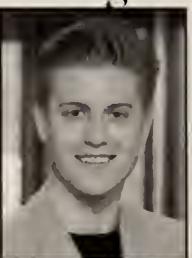
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Junior School Closing



House Awards:

Emerald "E"

Hannah Boomer
Rebecca Boucher
Ivy Bregman
Grace Crolla
Julia Davis
Katya Duncan
Julia Hewitt
Victoria McIntyre
Adriana Moeller
Ameera Moledina
Emily Montgomery
Alexandria Nguyen
Jordana Polisuk
Rebecca Robinson
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Melissa Yelle



Parents and Friends Association Award:

Victoria McIntyre

Maclean Prize:

Noor Darwish



Outstanding Effort and Achievement:

Grade 4

Overall Outstanding Effort and Achievement:
Anna Gow and Priya Muradie

Grade 5

English and Informational Studies: Ivy Bregman
French and Etudes Sociales: Katya Duncan
Mathematics: Julia Hewitt
Physical/Health Education: Emily Montgomery
Music: Ameera Moledina
Overall Outstanding Effort and Achievement:
Grace Crolla



Middle School Closing

Grade 6 Academic Awards

Overall Academic Excellence, with special mention for Drama, English, French, Humanities, Mathematics and Science	
Drama.....	Anisha Dhalla
English.....	Kristen Brazeau
Art.....	Emma Lynn
Core French.....	Anna McCroriston
Enriched French.....	Stephanie Babinski
Humanities.....	Haley Novak
Humanités.....	Stephanie Shenassa
Science.....	Stephanie Shenassa
Mathematics.....	Maggie Zhu
Creativity.....	Maggie Zhu
Music.....	Christina Rizk
Physical and Health Education.....	Stephanie Black
Technology.....	Roxanne Griffith
Overall Effort and Progress.....	Hayley MacLeay

Silver "E" award for the accumulation of 300 house points from grade 6-8: Julia E, Katherine Hales, Caroline Mierins

Grade 7 Academic Awards

Overall Academic Excellence, with special mention for French, Mathematics, Physical Education and Spanish.....	Sarah Gross
Overall Academic Excellence, with special mention for Mathematics, Science, Spanish and Technology.....	Priya Wadhera
Art.....	Wanying Zhang
Drama.....	Anuja Sinha
English.....	Alex Grinfeld
Enriched French.....	Alex Grinfeld
Core French.....	Alessandra Cinotti Ballarte
Humanities.....	Lauren Brandys
Humanités.....	Leah Wright
Mandarin.....	Samantha Lai
Mathematics.....	Joanna Hwang
Music.....	Ailsa Craigen
Latin.....	Carina Saikaley
Physical and Health Education.....	Carina Saikaley
Science.....	Aarti Singla
Creativity.....	Sarah Bouzanis
Spanish.....	Sarah Bouzanis
Technology.....	Lucy Holden
McDonald Cup for Math Effort & Progress.....	Chelsea Tannis
Schultz Prize for Effort and Progress.....	Kaleigh Timmons

Grade 8 Academic Awards

Overall Academic Excellence, with special mention for English, Géographie and Mathematics.....	Natalie Ogonek
Overall Academic Excellence, with special mention for Art, Drama, Géographie, Learning Strategies, Mathematics and Music.....	Alicia Leung
Creativity.....	Alicia Leung
Art.....	Julia E
English.....	Haley Abugov
Core French.....	Katherine Rushby
Enriched French.....	Valérie Touchette-Mosley
Geography.....	Julia Churchill-Smith
Géographie.....	Valérie Touchette-Mosley
Learning Strategies.....	Emilie Chiasson
Mandarin.....	Crystal Li
Mathematics.....	Crystal Li
Music.....	Katherine Hales
Physical and Health Education.....	Tamara Saikaley
Latin.....	Kelly O'Connor
Science.....	Kelly O'Connor
Drama.....	Kerry McInnes
Spanish.....	Kerry McInnes
Nancy Chance Prize for English.....	Natalie Ogonek
Laidler Cup.....	Sarah Malouf

Awarded to the girl who, not necessarily the highest in the form in studies or sports, has made her mark in the Middle School by her good character and dependability. It is given to a girl who can be relied upon at any time and is always helpful and thoughtful of others.

Southam Cup..........Alicia Leung

Awarded for the highest endeavour in all phases of school life in the Middle School. It is the equivalent of the Summa Summarum in the Senior School. It is given to the girl who best lives up to the ideals of Elmwood, who shows leadership, friendliness, and helpfulness to others in the school.

Parents and Friends Association Committee Award..........Emily Soussana

Presented to the student who has demonstrated through voluntary activity a sense of civic responsibility, a spirit of co-operation and a commitment to school life and the continued success of Elmwood



SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Victoria Bonar, Emilie Chiasson, Julia Churchill-Smith, Allie Hodgson, Alicia Leung, Kerry McInnes, Kelly O'Connor, Emily Soussana, Valérie Touchette-Mosley, Lucy Zheng

Senior School Closing

Grade 9 Academic Awards

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Communication Technology, English, French,

Mathematics, Music, Science and Spanish.....Sophia Dhalla

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for English, Geography and Latin.....Sarah Dost

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for English, Healthy

Active Living, Mandarin and Mathematics.....Anita E

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for French, Geography, Music, Science and Spanish.....Rina Halili

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Healthy Active Living, Science and Spanish.....Marie Hoftun Jaeger

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Drama, French, Géographie, Mathematics and Spanish.....Saumya Saxena

Dramatic Arts (ADA1O).....Genevieve McSpaden
Music (AMU1O).....Sara Bastianelli

Visual Arts (AVI1O).....Kareenna Boychuk

History (CHC2D).....Meredith Moore

English (ENG1D).....Sonya Wadhera

Science (SNC1D).....Sonya Wadhera

Spanish (LWSBD).....Sonya Wadhera

French (FEF1D).....Noushig Kadian

Mandarin (LKMDA).....Rachel Stein

Latin (LVLAD).....Danika Leminski

Healthy Active Living (PPL1O).....Ally Brown

Principles of Mathematics (MPM1D).....Amrita Pal

Communications Technology (TGJ2O).....Amrita Pal

Grade 10 Academic Awards

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Communication Technology, English, Healthy Active Living and Science.....Prashanthi Baskaran

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Civics, Economics and French.....Nicolle Bonar

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for English, French and Visual Arts.....Carol Chu

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Career Studies, Communication Technology and Mathematics.....Megan Cody

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Civics, History, Mathematics and Science.....Rachel Hutchinson

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Chemistry, History and Science.....Katie Hyatt

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Career Studies, Civics, French, Histoire and Mathematics.....Neuczki Mathurin

Visual Arts (AVI2O).....Rebecca Cheff

History (CHA3U).....Shamila Charania

Histoire (CHC2DF).....Anne Pigott

Civics (CHV2O).....Karin McDowell

French (FEF2D).....Alice Gibbs

French (FSF2D).....Andrea Bennett

Careers (GLC2O).....Sarah Merkley

Latin (LVLBU).....Isabella Price

Spanish (LWSCU).....Nikki Campbell

Healthy Active Living (PPL2O).....Olivia Scott

Chemistry (SCH3U).....Allie LaCompte

Principles of Mathematics (MPM2D).....Allie LaCompte

Science (SNC2D).....Charlotte Pattee

Communications Technology (TGJ3M).....Sana Syed

Music (AMU3M).....Krina Merchant

Rothwell Prize for English (ENG2D).....Krina Merchant

Grace E. Knowlton Prize for Progress.....Sheila McKeen

Fiona Nicolson Creativity Prize.....Isabella Price

The Golden "E", for the accumulation of 400 points from Grades 9-12, is awarded to:

Virginia Brown, Sarah Buchan, Gwen Cowley, Alexandra DeForge, Alexandra Fottinger, Emma Godmire, Anne Kirvan, Christine Leduc, Meg MacLean, Liz Maffett, Lorena Mason, Christiane McGovern, Ishani Nath, Sarah Quinn, Courtney Smith, Blair Stein, Liz Wilson, Karlye Wong
Student Exchanges: Nicolle Campbell - 3 months in Spain

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Nicolle Bonar, Hilary Brown, Rebecca Cheff, Carol Chu, Rachel Currie, Rachel Hutchinson, Katie Hyatt, Allie LaCompte, Anita Malik, Emily Mansfield, Karin McDowell, Krina Merchant, Charlotte Pattee, Anne Pigott, Jasmine Rasuli, Anisha Sinha, Sana Syed, Cynthia Wallace, Old Girls' Scholarship.....Danielle Hodgson

Awarded to a student who shows excellent academic achievement and demonstrates the qualities of character and citizenship that exemplify Elmwood's traditions and values.

Campeau Foundation Scholarship.....Nikki Campbell
Awarded to a senior student who shows a flair for languages and an interest in international affairs.

Norma Davies Scholarship.....Vanessa Assaly
Awarded to a student who demonstrates a commitment to her school and the attributes of character and focus that lead her to maximize her own potential and fully participate in the opportunities that Elmwood provides.

Milena Sigmund Scholarship.....Prashanthi Baskaran
Awarded to a student with outstanding academic results and an entrepreneurial interest.

Grade 11 Academic Awards

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for English, French, History and Philosophy.....Amelie Meyer-Robinson

Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Biology, Economics and Physics.....Jane Reismar

Dramatic Arts (ADA3M).....Emma Godmire

Dramatic Arts (ADA4M).....Clare Funstol

Visual Arts (AVI3M).....Claire Moon

Economics (CIE3M).....Rebecca Moeller

French (FSF3U).....Margo Vachon

Philosophy (HZB3O).....Ishani Nath

Spanish (LWSDU).....Miriam Goubrar

Math - Personal Finances (MBF3C).....Emily Miller

Math - Functions (MCF3M).....Thirattha Devahastii

Math - Functions & Relations (MCR3U).....Shauna Turney

Challenge and Change in Society (HSB4M).....Shauna Turney

Healthy Active Living (PPL3O).....Selin Saatioglu

Biology (SBI3U).....Meg MacLean

Chemistry (SCH4U).....Alicia Kerrigan

Physics (SPH3U).....Alex DeForge & Christiane McGover

French (FEF3U).....Christiane McGover

Communications Technology (TGJ4M).....Liz Maffet

English (ENG3U).....Stephanie She

McKee Fine Arts Cup.....Stephanie She

Carolyn Strauss Poetry Award.....Stephanie She

Wallack Art Award.....Claire Moon

Awarded to the outstanding senior student whose sustained effort and consistently high standards have distinguished her in the field of Visual Art.

Samara Editor's Award.....Emma Godmire & Margo Vachon

Judy and Margot Toller Memorial Award.....Sarah Black & Lisa Camero

Awarded to the students who best exemplify the values and spirit of these alumnae - who lost their lives in a car accident caused by a drunk driver - with their warmth and caring, courtesy and respect, sense of humour, generosity in helping others, joy of life, determination to overcome obstacles, and acceptance of everyone, while demonstrating the ideals of leadership and friendship.

Grade 12 Awards

Governor General's Academic Medal.....Karlye Wong
for the highest average based on all grade 11 and 12 courses taken
Millenium Excellence Awards.....Erica Hoe & Karlye Wong
Given to students who embody four qualities: Leadership, Community
Involvement, Innovation and Academic Achievement.
Wendy's Classic Achiever Scholarship Program....Erica Hoe & Karlye Wong
Is focussed on rewarding and acknowledging students who have demonstrated
excellence in academics as well as a commitment to extra-curricular and
community service.
University of Toronto National Book Award.....Karlye Wong
Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Biology, French and
World Issues.....Karlye Wong
Overall Academic Excellence with special mention for Calculus,
Chemistry, Data Management and Physics.....Cindy Fung
Introduction to Int'l Business (BBB4M).....Kerri Haynes
Canadian/World Issues (CGW4U).....Virginia Brown
Economics (CIA4U).....Alex Pattee
Canadian/International Law (CLN4U).....Blair Stein
Writer's Craft (EWC4U).....Courtney Smith
French (FEF4U).....Marisha Tardif
French (FSF4U).....Sarah Buchan
Classical Civilization (LLV4U).....Samantha Hope Villeneuve
Math - Functions & Calculus (MCB4U).....Megan Cheung
Biology (SBI4U).....Megan Cheung
Math - Data Management (MDM4U).....Marnie Brown
Exercise Science (PSE4U).....Marnie Brown
Geometry & Discrete Math (MGA4U).....Ayaka Fujiwara
Co-operative Education.....Jessica Thompson
Physics (SPH4U).....Talia Sechley
Elizabeth Davis Prize for English (ENG4U)....Talia Sechley & Virginia Brown
Heacock Creativity Prize (AVI4M).....Kate Meehan
Theatre Award for Performance and Production.....Willie Deneault
Keary-Taylor Theatre Arts Prize.....Blair Stein
Awarded to a Senior student who has distinguished herself academically and in
her contributions to a major production.
Philpot Science Prize.....Sarah Buchan
Presented to the graduating science student, who in the view of her science
teachers, demonstrates a genuine interest in science through her powers of
observation, inquisitiveness, analytic and abstract thought. Not simply given to
the student who achieves the highest marks in science subjects.
Outerbridge Cup for Senior Mathematics.....Breonna Burnatowski
Awarded to a student who does not necessarily have the highest marks but who,
through perseverance, determination and diligence has shown remarkable
progress.
Whitwill History Prize (CHY4U).....Lizzie Howard
Linda McGregor Technology Award.....Samantha Hope Villeneuve
Given to the graduating student in the laptop program who, in the opinion of
staff, exhibit not only exceptional proficiency in using technology, but have the
willingness to share that expertise in support of others.
I.B. Diploma Candidates: Marnie Brown, Virginia Brown, Sarah Buchan,
Jenny Cheetham, Megan Cheung, Erica Hoe, Lizzie Howard, Caroline
Kingston, Ashley Masys, Isabelle Mercier, Talia Sechley, Blair Stein,
Mitchell Thomas Award.....Kate Meehan
A gift of books for the junior school made in the name of a senior student who
has been helpful in the junior school.
Parents & Friends Association Committee Award.....Gwen Cowley
Presented to the student who has demonstrated through voluntary activity a
sense of civic responsibility, a spirit of co-operation and a commitment to
school life and the continued success of Elmwood.
Bruce Hicks Award for Public Service.....Véronique Bélanger-Lejars
Lieutenant Governor Community Volunteer Award.....Jenny Cheetham
Great Yoi Honour Athletic Award: Kerri Haynes, Anne Kirvan,
Lorena Mason, Courtney Smith, Elizabeth Wilson, Karlye Wong

All-Round Contribution to School Life.....Virginia Brown
Old Girls House Motto: Each house proposes a candidate who best exemplifies
its motto. The final award is decided by vote of prefects and teachers.

NOMINEES:

FRY- Friendship for All.....Alex Fottinger
KELLER- Fair Play.....Malene Hoftun Jaeger
NIGHTINGALE- Not For Ourselves Alone.....Christiane McGovern
WILSON- To Give Ourselves & Never Count The Cost.....Emma Godmere

WINNER - Emma Godmere

Prefect Awards:

Admissions Prefect.....	Nazik Amdiss
Arts Prefect.....	Willie Deneault
Junior School Prefect.....	Kate Meehan
Middle School Prefect.....	Sara Anderson
Prefect at Large.....	Virginia Brown
Sports Captain.....	Courtney Smith
FRY.....	Christine Leduc
KELLER.....	Anne Kirvan
NIGHTINGALE.....	Sarah Quinn
WILSON.....	Emily White

House Cup for overall achievement in all areas.....Wilson
(Emily White- Wilson House Head)

Duke of Edinburgh Program Gold Award: Virginia Brown, Sarah Buchan,
Jenny Cheetham, Gwen Cowley, Anne Kirvan, Alex Pattee, Talia Sechley,
Courtney Smith

Margaret White Cup.....Blair Stein
Awarded to a student in her graduating year who has been at Elmwood since
Grade 9 and has made an outstanding contribution to the extra-curricular life of
the school.

Ewing Cup for Character.....Anne Kirvan
Head of School Prize.....Virginia Brown
Philpot Token.....Karlye Wong
First awarded in 1934 by Elmwood's founder, Mrs. Hamlet Philpot, for cheerful
help, loyal support and effective leadership throughout the school body this
year.

Summa Summarum.....Sarah Buchan
Awarded to the senior girl who has tried most faithfully to live up to the ideals
and best traditions of the School and who possesses the qualities of integrity,
trustworthiness, the spirit of comradeship and the capacity to achieve. The
winner's name to be added to the illustrious list in the atrium.



Farewells

Twenty three years at Elmwood! For many, it seems a lifetime. Yet, *Mme Millington* will tell you that it seems that she has just arrived! One must say that she loved teaching German. To hear the students address her as "Frau" speaks to the dedication and love she instilled in many to pursue the study of languages, and culture.

Her knowledge of her subject matter, her ability to bring students to a high level of performance and rigorous application of grammar will be remembered and appreciated as the students move up in the world. Yet her role as Coordinator of International exchanges will perhaps be the one that takes precedence in the memories of the students.

Mme Millington gave so much both in the classroom and she spent incalculable hours doing her outmost to bring every project that she took on with selfless dedication. Her colleagues and students will remember her joy in organizing evenings at the French Theatre at the NAC. She is also very proud of having established the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme in 1985!

Twenty three years at Elmwood is a lifetime! She now embarks on new projects in her retirement. Godspeed! Grateful thanks for giving so much to the "Elmwood Girls".



After 26 years of teaching at Elmwood, *Mr. Yates* has decided to explore opportunities to work on his many interests and talents. The photographic mementos the school and staff possess are the result of Mr. Yate's readiness to record the milestones which come around year after year. The treasured photos graduates, staff and parents have are the result of his efforts.

Elmwood reached one final and one semi-final in the city-wide championships during the twenty-one years Mr Yates was the coach. He has taught geography, physical education, humanities, history, civics and computer technology throughout the school over the years. More importantly, he has been a much respected, warm and friendly colleague to us all. With a height of six feet four inches, Mr. Yates will be very conspicuous by his absence and dearly missed.

"*Madame Sab*", Elmwood's French and Spanish teacher for over 30 years: a proud French Canadian, vivacious personality and dynamic teacher, how many students have been taught by her and will never forget her? Some of them will be men, who sat as Ashbury boys in her Spanish class in the days when we still shared certain courses, now just a distant memory, part of the history of Elmwood. Everyone knew that 'Madame Sab' had a passion for Spanish. She always had her own classroom, filled with Spanish memorabilia, students' work, posters, books and dictionaries. With her flawless accent, wide-ranging knowledge and even Spanish appearance, Mme Sabourin drew her students into the magical world of learning another language. They loved her stories: tales from her summers in Spain and the 2 years spent teaching in 'collegios' in Madrid and Galicia. She even took her students on the occasional trip to Spain to see for themselves! Madame Sabourin, however, also taught French, her own native language. Who would have guessed that she only learned English in her teens? She was a true linguist. For years she taught from her own podium, (it had her name on it), using chalk and a blackboard, then had her own overhead projector and finally adapted to the smart board as the times changed and technology took over. Yet all of these are only the trappings for those who are called to teach and have received that gift. No one better embodies the old adage than Mme Sabourin: "Teachers are born, not made." "Merci", Mme Sab. and "adios!" "Bonne chance" and "buena suerte!"

-(A friend and colleague: Beryl Millington)



Mrs. Bowers retired in June after having been a music / math teacher at Elmwood since 1982. From the outset of her career she seemed to have been blessed with an unusual ability to capture and maintain the attention of young people and to communicate her enthusiasm for music.

The primary goal of Ms. Bowers was not simply to expose children to a variety of musical forms but for them to be active participants in the program and to enjoy the experience of making music as part of a group. When classes performed for special events, the children's enjoyment was palpable and the performance was always polished because each piece of music was chosen and rehearsed carefully. Ms. Bowers had a talent for seeking out original and amusing pieces which were guaranteed to please the students and audience.

During her long career at Elmwood, the Junior and Middle School choir participated regularly in the Ottawa Kiwanis Festival and were frequently rewarded with a first place award. In addition, the choir traveled to both England and Austria where they performed in many schools and churches.

It was, however, at Elmwood itself where the greatest impact of Ms. Bowers' talents was felt. Every event or special occasion seemed to require a musical contribution and she and the students were always ready to showcase their talents.

An avid skier, sailor, reader, cyclist and traveler she is never likely to be bored. Elmwood students were remarkably fortunate to have shared her talents.

Mrs. Gespacher came to Elmwood in 1981 after teaching on a military base in Lamacasa Quebec. She was hired by Headmistress Joan Whitwell as a grade 3 teacher and spent the first few years in a rather rudimentary portable classroom in which she was expected to teach everything – even gym. Undaunted by the less than ideal conditions

Mrs. G, as she became known, showed characteristic adaptability and set about developing a programme which reflected her personal philosophy of education. Having been trained in Britain it was not surprising that a teaching style emerged which reflected the current thinking of that country, the goal of which was to harness the child's natural curiosity and creativity in order to establish a solid love of learning.

Students in Mrs. G's class were frequently exposed to poetry, art and drama as a way of improving their language skills. No student ever graduated from grade three without a prodigious knowledge of Greek Mythology or Classic Folk Tales. She produced lavish plays such as the story of Orpheus and Eurydice or the Emperor and the Nightingale, with the help of staff and parents. At the same time Mrs. G's teaching methods were rigorous and she was forthright and honest in her evaluations of student work. No sloppy or incomplete sentences were tolerated in her class and descriptive language enjoyed a period of unparalleled attention. Mrs. G developed a rather colourful style of teaching. Her young students were frequently reminded to set their goals high in order to develop strong skills because she felt that children who had to overcome obstacles in life were those who developed greater resourcefulness. Mrs. G refused to provide easy answers to students who were seeking quick results. Above all Mrs. G knew the importance of helping children to retain their sense of wonder at the world around them. In this respect, she is still a child at heart. For

Rowena Gespacher retirement means the opportunity to do all those things that bring her such delight : hiking and biking in the Gatineau Park. Happy Retirement Mrs. G!!

For many of us *Mrs. Dennis* was our first contact with Elmwood. She began her career as the kind voice with the friendly manner in the main office at Elmwood. She immediately made us feel at ease. When she finished her degree in Women's Studies, she joined the administrative team as the Admissions officer in the Junior School. For these last few years she has been the first person welcoming our new students and parents. All the best in retirement Wendy.



Head Girl's Address

Good evening Mr. Polisuk, Members of the Board, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Szymanski, Mrs. Moffatt, staff, graduates, students, family and friends of Elmwood. I tried to put off writing this speech because I knew what it would mean. The end of an era, well, of seven years at any rate. The end of something that has been part of my life and this year became my life.

When I realized I could avoid my future no longer and sat down to write it, I was at a loss for words. I could not piece together words that would express my time at Elmwood and vocalize what the experience has meant to me. I did however, get really good at Solitaire.

Tonight I have the daunting task of representing the 57 awe-inspiring graduates sitting here. I mean it as sincerely as possible when I saw that in no way will I ever be able to do them justice. Each of these grads have enriched the lives of others and contributed to the school in their own unique way. They are warm, friendly, intelligent, witty, devoted, imaginative, exuberant and quite frankly, very funny. They have challenged convention, been stubborn, outspoken and opinionated. They have rejected conformity, except of course, in their uniform, which they always wore flawlessly. They are strong women who know themselves and are not afraid to chase after their dreams. They are a passionate group of leaders, athletes, artists and academics, who have the ability to bring out the best in everyone, and although are leaving Elmwood tonight, have left their permanent mark.

I say that we are leaving Elmwood tonight; we are leaving as students. In no way are we leaving the Elmwood community. Everyone here tonight is part of our community - attached to the school in a different way, and after coming to know and love the school, will be forever connected. It is a place full of surprises and challenges, rich with history and tradition, demanding yet supportive. Its uniqueness is what makes people fall in love with it, because nothing else can compare. From the building to the students it houses, there is always something to discover. After seven years here, I feel like I've explored and discovered what I was meant to, but I know there is so much left unlearned. Incredible things happen at this school, which make it so intriguing; the knowledge that great things have happened here and great things have yet to happen, and the excitement that one can be a part of that.

What I have learned from the school may be completely different from what others have. It's not important why we all came to the school, or if we've been here for our entire lives or a year. What is important in our leaving, is the knowledge we are taking with us. We are leaving the comfort of familiarity and venturing out on our own. Elmwood has sheltered us, but has equipped us for the adventure. It has provided us with the tools to face and conquer obstacles, but most importantly, has given us the confidence to do so. I will admit that I am nervous - excited, yes, but also scared. Leaving Elmwood, a place that has become my second home is a scary thought. I'm leaving a place that accepts and supports me, a place of familiar faces, a place where I have many wonderful memories and friends. I don't know what tomorrow or the next year holds. What I do know is that Elmwood has made me ready and eager to find out.

This school has had a profound impact on our lives. It allows for the development and pursuit of passion, opens doors to many possibilities and pushes us to reach our potential. Its overwhelming atmosphere engages everyone and it is unique to say the least. One of its greatest attributes is the opportunity it presents to the students. We are offered the chance to participate in enriching experiences which set us apart. What is more, is that the students jump at these opportunities. On a recent trip to Montreal to look at schools, I visited the McGill Law School. Standing outside, staring at the wise words of Euripides on the outside of a building, I was immediately hit with a connection to Elmwood. The wall was telling me "To leave no stone unturned" and I realized it was an accurate representation of the Elmwood girl. We attempt everything, regardless of if we are accustomed to it or not. Our courage allows us to explore and try new things. We live our lives with no regrets. We are not satisfied unless we know that we have given our all to everything we attempt. These graduates have left no stones unturned. They have touched on every aspect of school life and have brought new opportunities to other students. They have dared, explored, dreamed and discovered.

For helping them to accomplish all they have, a huge thank you goes out to many people.

Mrs. Spence: You bring your own distinct and lively personality to all that you touch upon. You encourage curiosity and your worldly travels not only broaden the students' horizons but have also brought numerous cultural opportunities to the school. You believe in enriching the lives of the students beyond the classroom, and make many ideas a reality. You make our safety and happiness a priority and are passionate about making the students get the best of their Elmwood experience. You have been so supportive and encouraging and were determined to make this year successful and memorable. Thank you for your continuous support of the school and its many extraordinary endeavours.

Mrs. Szymanski: The school will forever be in debt to you. This year, in addition to all your other responsibilities, you took control of a situation and made the best of it, teaching the school an important lesson in perseverance and grace throughout it all. You are the rock of the school and are always willing to hand out some of that stability, and quite literally, you do hand out rocks. Your warmth, humour and positive outlook garner the respect and admiration of the school and your commitment is a true testament of your genuine wish to see the girls succeed. You always take the time to listen to the opinions of the students and sincerely take their ideas into consideration. You are selfless, encouraging, vivacious and an inspiration to the staff and students.

Mrs. Moffatt: to me, you will always be Ms. Naufal. You have shown absolute trust in me and have given me the freedom to develop my ideas. I am so thankful for your support, faith and humour. You have been my teacher and my coach, and this year I worked with you as an administrator and watched you devote yourself to improving school life. You are amazingly involved in the lives of all the students and your dedication to them and the school never ceases to amaze me. Your ability to relate to the students allows for the development of close and personal relationships with them, giving them the chance to learn and benefit from your experiences and knowledge. The school will not be the same without you next year, and I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and your husband. I look at you now not only as an educator and mentor, but most importantly, as a friend.

To the Staff: Your influence and presence in the students' lives is visible inside and outside the classroom. Thank you for pushing us to exceed even our own expectations, and for being supportive of us and showing your faith even when we are not confident in ourselves. You devote so much time and energy to your students to ensure their well being and happiness, and it is evident that you put them first and they are always on your minds. You are enthusiastic, intelligent and always willing to help a student, regardless of the situation. Thank you for your presence in our lives, in instilling in us a love of learning and for allowing us to develop and pursue our passions.

I'd like to especially acknowledge the outstanding contributions of certain staff members who are leaving the school this year. To Mrs. Dennys, Mme Millington, Mme Sabourin and Mr. Yates, thank you. Your collective years here are more than the school is old and you represent the beloved history and tradition of the school. You have had a tremendous impact on the students, staff and Elmwood community. You are loved, respected and admired by all and will be greatly missed. I ask that we please all rise in recognition of their remarkable contributions.

To this year's prefects: The time, effort and enthusiasm you put into everything you did, although sometimes went unnoticed, was nevertheless appreciated by the school. The many, many hours you spent here have created bonds and memories. You kept up tradition and created new ones and were essential in creating such an unforgettable year. Thank you for everything - you have demonstrated your leadership skills to the school, but more importantly inspired and became friends to the students.

To Karlyé Wong, our Senior Prefect: You are so full of life and passion. You keep positive through everything and have a natural ability to make people want to do their best. You came like a whirlwind into my life and blew me and the school away. We are truly in awe of you and I'm so glad I got to share this experience with you.

To next year's prefects, in particular our new Head Girl, Malene Hoftun Jaeger: Congratulations! Keep positive, keep driven and keep it fun. Support each other and rely on the other grads. This year I learned how to let others help me, so don't be afraid to ask. You have the ability to lead and inspire and I have no doubt that you will do a phenomenal job. Next year, make it your own - decide what you want to accomplish and go after it but never compare yourself to others. I see you all brimming with excitement and possibility, but don't forget to take a step back and enjoy it. It is such a special opportunity, but I'll let you discover it for yourself. And it is possible to be in bed by 10.

To my family: my sister, my mother and my grandmother: this is by far the hardest thank you and goodbye, even though I will see you at home. I honestly would not have been able to accomplish what I have if it wasn't for your encouragement, love and devotion. I know I speak to all parents on behalf of the grads when I thank you for always being there and for your support in everything we attempt. Thank you for being proud of us and for being a constant presence in our lives. Mum, you always put us before yourself and go to any length to make sure we are happy. It is going to be hard for me to leave next year, but I know that you will drop everything if I need you. Arianne, thank you for inspiring me and for showing me that you can accomplish what you put your mind to. I love and thank you both.

Students of the school, I will miss your enthusiasm, support and hilarity. You are a diverse group of extraordinarily unique, independent and inspired girls who all make a contribution to this school and make it the unbelievable place it is. I know that you will make the best of your time here, and I will always cherish the memories you have given me.

Grads, you have made the Elmwood experience unforgettable. You have all contributed to our dynamic and talented grads and made this year possible. You have kept me sane, supported me and have kept me laughing through it all. I can't ever express what you mean to me or how much I appreciate knowing each of you.

The grads are leaving as compassionate, dedicated and spirited women with an unwavering sense of self. While the endless list of attributes will benefit us in ways we cannot be aware of, the spirit is something that we will remember and will be displayed everyday. The untameable enthusiasm of Elmwood students is incomparable and is present from daily life to almost century old traditions and these traditions make us proud to be Elmwood girls. I know that when we leave, we will continue to grow up and develop, but will be able to return to this 90 year old school, which, while growing with the times, will have a core that remains the same. We can see how we have changed and in this time of confusion it's comforting to know that there is something reliable we can depend on.

Tonight marks the end of our tenure as students of Elmwood, but not of our Elmwood involvement. No one understands but the people who have gone through this school the Elmwood experience and how much it impacts and affects us. A part of Elmwood will always be with us. And while I was really trying to avoid clichés in my speech, they inevitably caught up with me. While this is the end of one chapter in the story of our lives, we must remember that like a book, life is made up of many chapters. What happens in one chapter, especially such an early one as this, carries onto the next and influences the development of the story. Elmwood has been such a large part of our lives and development and will surely play a role in our future.

It is my tremendous honour to present to you the graduating class of 2006, who, above all, represent possibility. Thank you to everyone for coming here tonight to celebrate in their success. Congratulations students and especially graduates. There are those who dream and those who achieve their dreams, and after coming to know you as well as I do, I have no doubt that you will accomplish everything that you want to. Thank you.~Sarah Robertson-Buchan

Head Girl: Sarah Robertson-Buchan

First and foremost, thank you. Thanks to the rest of the prefects - you achieved so much and made the year the success that it was. Thanks for putting a positive spin on everything, for keeping it all amusing and for making the whole school look up to you. Special shout out to Karlyé for always being there for me, for thinking exactly what I was thinking and remembering what I forgot and for making us all laugh. Thanks to the grads for making it all possible and for giving me such a year to remember. Thank you to my friends for being my rock, for laughing with me, albeit mostly at me and for giving me memories that I could never possibly forget...even if I tried. Thanks to admin for the opportunity and for believing in me. I learned so much this year and I know I'll take it with me wherever I go. Thanks to all the staff at the school not only for the lessons but for the dedication and faith. A special thanks to my family for all the love, inspiration and for allowing me to try everything I have. Lastly, thank you to the students for willingly trying everything that was thrown at you and for dedicating yourself to the Elmwood experience. I was so fortunate for this extraordinary year and for all the opportunities I have had. I loved every minute of it. "In this great future you can't forget your past"... it's a big world beyond the doors of Elmwood but I'll always remember and cherish my years here. Much Love, Sarah

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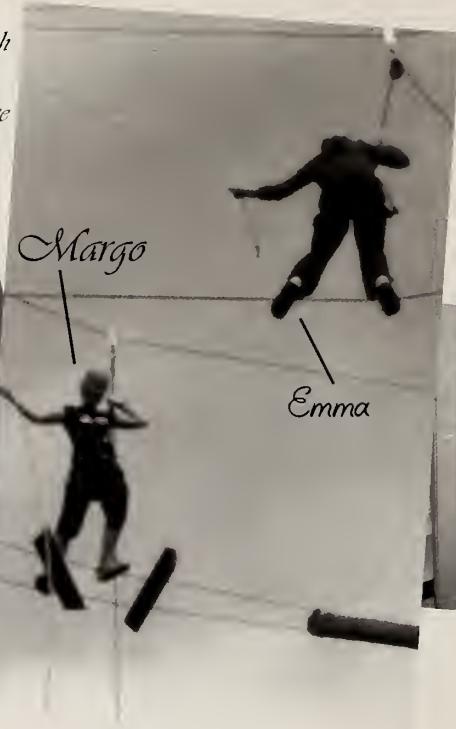
EDITOR'S PAGE

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WOW! How do I summarize my Samara experience? When I accepted the position of Co-Editor I did not realize how much hard work and dedication is put in to making the book. This year has been a great learning experience for me. There were a lot of challenges, and many long weekends of hard work (especially when our deadlines were fast-approaching). My only wish is that you (the reader) enjoy this book as much as Emma & I have enjoyed working on it.

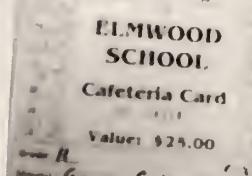
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THANK YOUS

Wow, so many thank yous need to be said. Totally. First of all, a great big thank you to Mrs. Bradley for sticking behind us all along and supporting all of our (sometimes crazy) ideas. Also to Mr. Schmidt, for making sure Middle School Samara students played as significant a role as they did - thank you guys, for your creative ideas and excellent writeups. Thanks to Nine Couture-Link for giving us all of the resources to include the Junior School - we appreciate your dedication to Samara. To our incredible team that included, in particular, Gwen, Jenny, Lorena, Alex D., and Alex F. - we honestly could not have done it without you guys. And to all of our awesome Senior School Samara members, thank you for coming when you could and helping us start and end a great book. To next years editors, it's a very challenging task, but you CAN do it! Remember to always save your work and look everything over. And don't forget to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

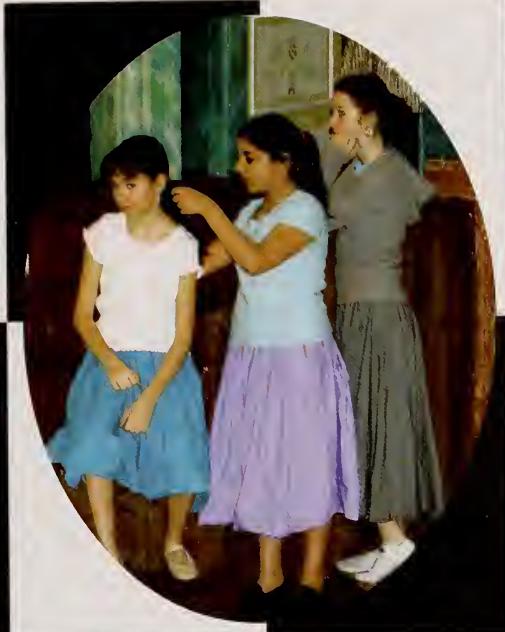
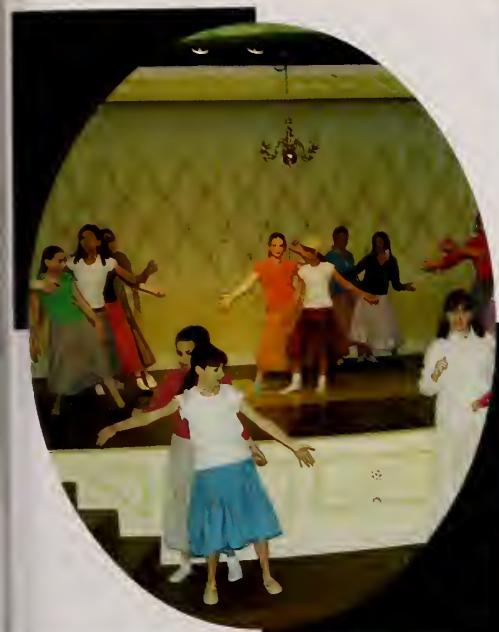
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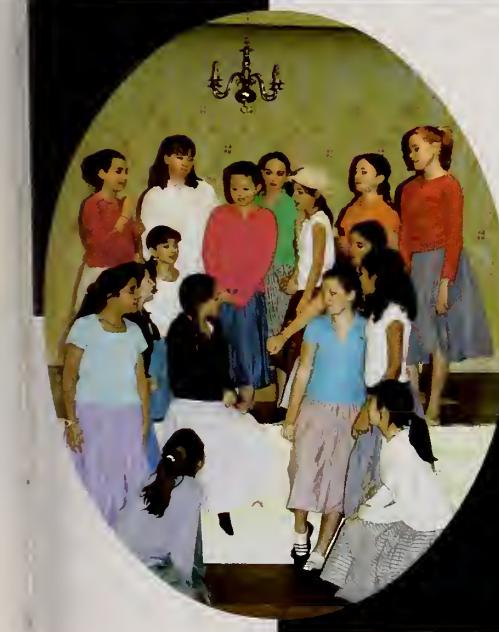
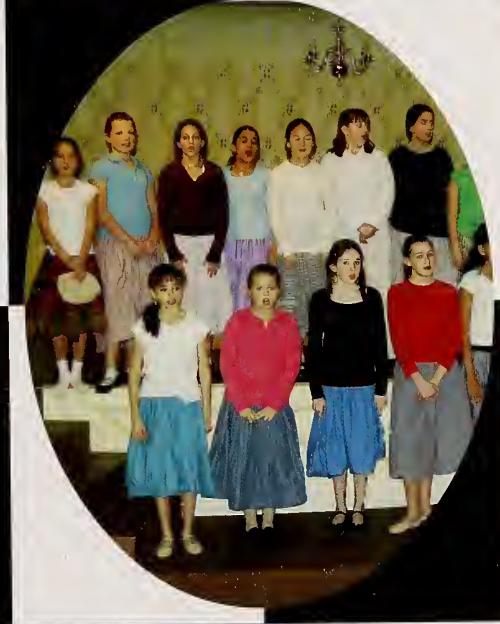
Rest in peace, old caf card. We loved you. We truly did.
But it was time for a change.

May you rest always, crumpled in the bottom of our lockers and blazer pockets.





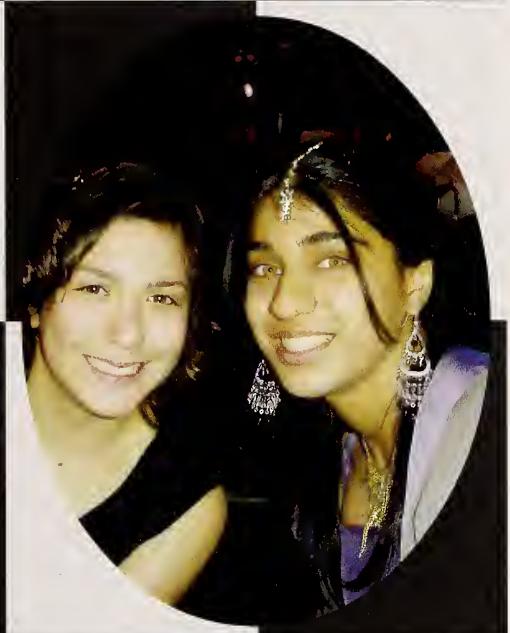
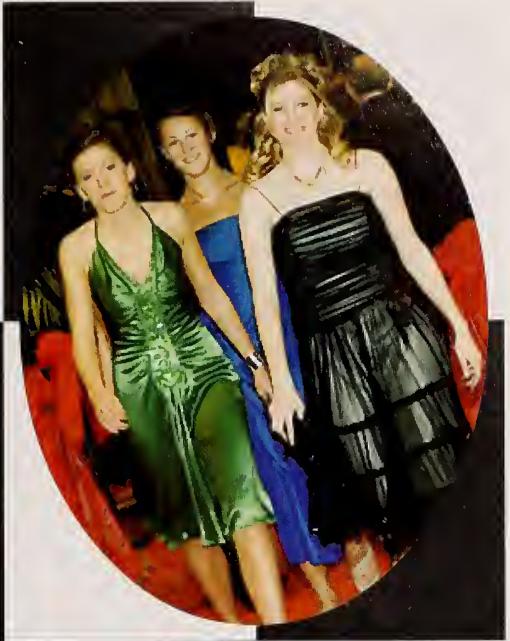
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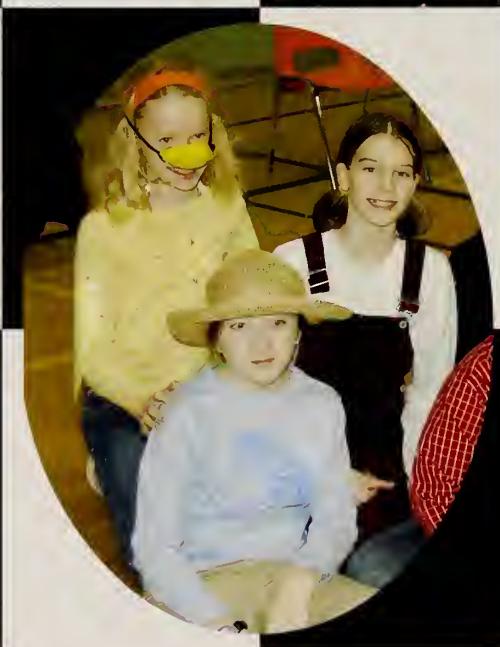
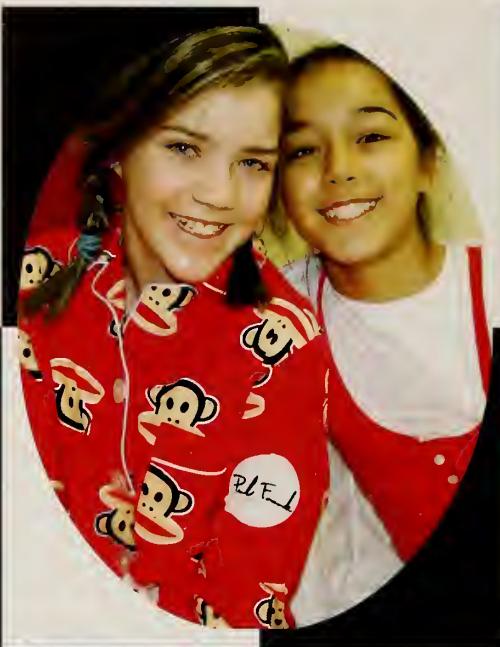




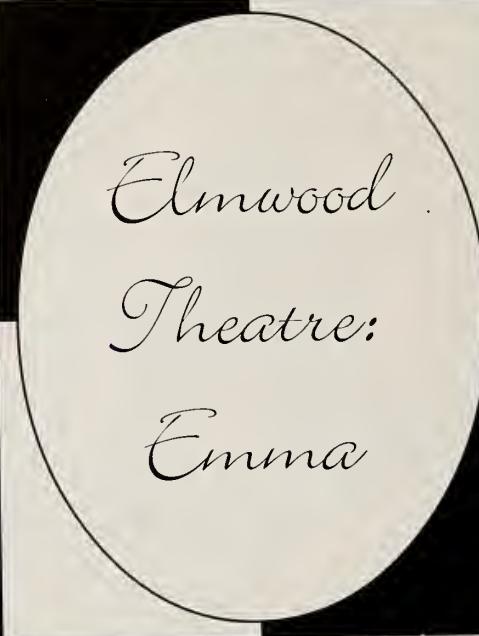
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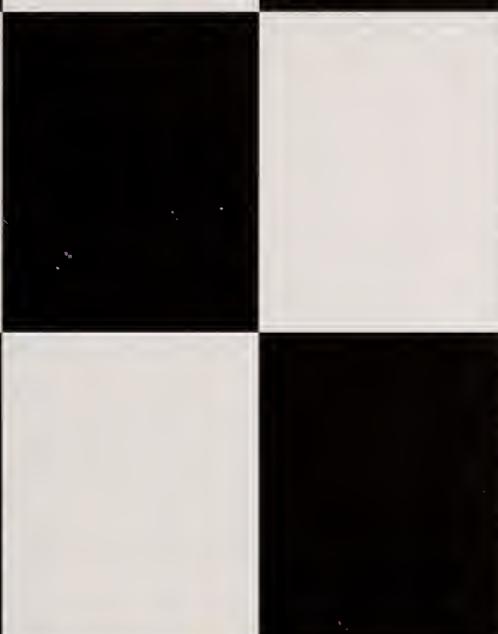














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◀ **MONSTER STORMS.** Hurricane Katrina killed more than 1,300 and caused US\$70 billion in damages along the U.S. Gulf Coast. Mississippi took the brunt of it; in Gulfport, for instance, the storm surge tossed giant shipping containers inland. In Louisiana, New Orleans was spared the highest winds—but then the levees broke, submerging 80 per cent of the city, including Canal Street, under oily, fetid water. In all, some 1.3 million people from the region were evacuated, including 7,000 who were sheltered in the Astrodome in Houston. A scathing congressional report criticized government officials at all levels—city, state and federal—for the fumbled response to the emergency. Then, while Americans were still dealing with Katrina's messy aftermath, hurricanes Rita and Wilma wreaked even more havoc before the longest and most expensive tropical storm season on record was finally over.

(David Purdy-Biloxi Sun Herald/KRT)



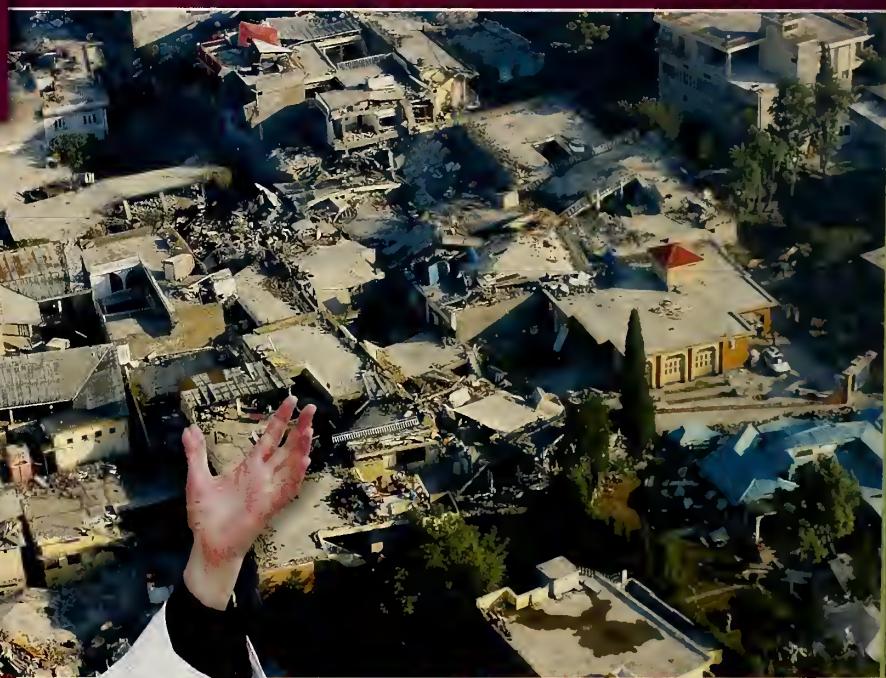
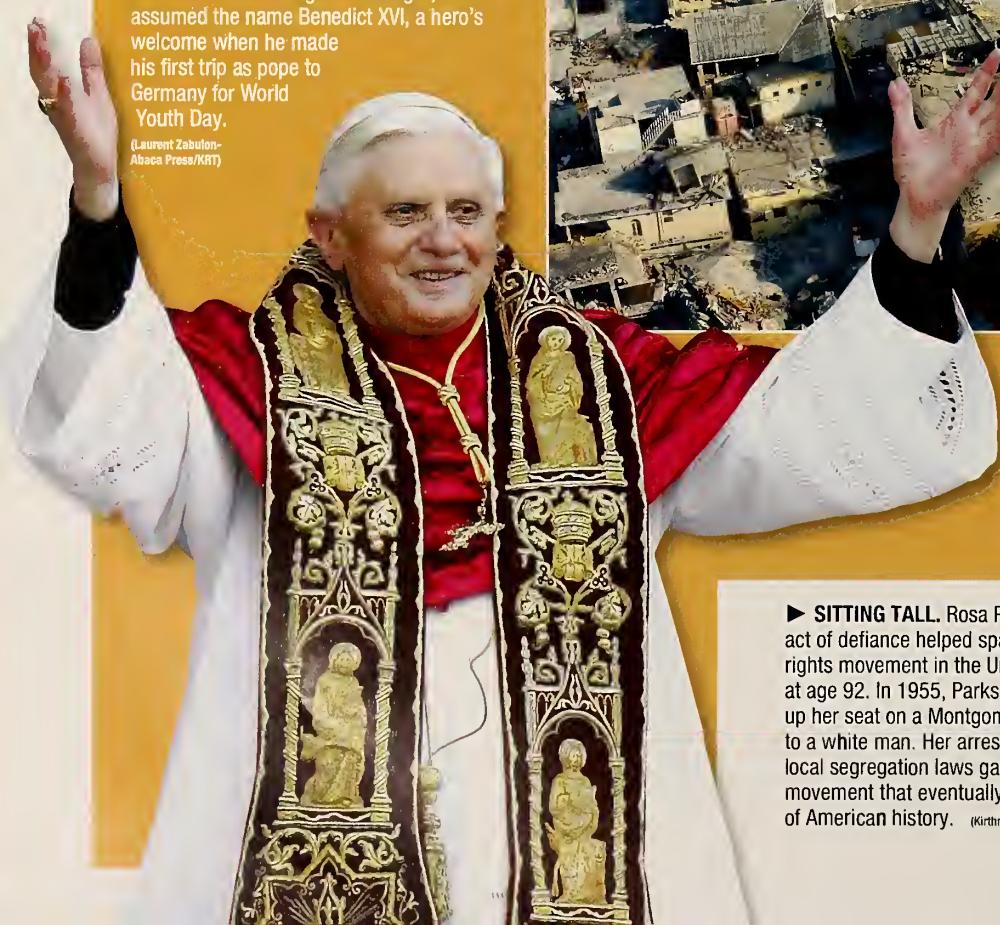
▲ **KILLER COUSIN.** After making landfall, hurricane Stan's torrential rains caused massive mudslides in the highlands of Guatemala. Entire villages were engulfed, in effect becoming mass graves. In all, hurricane Stan left about 1,300 people dead in Central America and thousands homeless.

(Kent Gilbert/AP)

World

▼ **MAKING HIS MARK.** Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger is the first German pope since Hadrian VI in 1523. Even so, some Germans had reservations about a hard-line conservative as spiritual leader of the world's one billion Roman Catholics. But other Germans saw his election as a national honour and gave Ratzinger, who assumed the name Benedict XVI, a hero's welcome when he made his first trip as pope to Germany for World Youth Day.

(Laurent Zabulon-Abaca Press/KRT)



▲ **AFTERSHOCKS.** A massive earthquake rocked the Kashmir region bordering Pakistan and northern India, killing more than 73,000 and leaving some three million homeless. With aid efforts hampered by the remoteness of the region, relief workers feared the death toll would continue to mount long afterwards.

(Timothy Smith-U.S. Navy/KRT)

► **SITTING TALL.** Rosa Parks, whose dignified act of defiance helped spark the modern civil rights movement in the United States, died at age 92. In 1955, Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus to a white man. Her arrest for breaking the local segregation laws gave rise to a protest movement that eventually changed the course of American history.

(Kirithmon F. Dozier-Detroit Free Press/KRT)





▲ BREAKING THE MOULD. Angela Merkel (above with Bono), leader of the Christian Democratic Union, became Germany's first woman chancellor. Her achievement was also notable in that she is an Ossi—someone from the former East Germany—in a political system traditionally dominated by West Germans. (E.T. Stuhmacher/World Economic Forum/KRT)



▲ 'IT'S GREAT TO BE ALIVE.' Even after he was rescued and back home on Canadian soil, James Loney (right) said he could hardly believe everything that had happened. Four months earlier, he and three other members of an international Christian aid organization had been kidnapped in Baghdad and held by a group that threatened to kill them unless Iraqi prisoners were freed. The body of one of the hostages, American Tom Fox, was later found, but the fate of the other three was unknown until a tip led a team of British and U.S. soldiers, RCMP officers and members of a Canadian special forces unit to an unguarded house. There they found Loney, fellow Canadian Harmeet Singh Sooden (left) and Briton Norman Kember, who were in chains, but otherwise okay.

(Christian Peacemaker/AP Photo)

▼ UNDERGROUND TERROR. London's busy transit system came to a standstill when three bombs exploded on the Underground and a fourth blew apart a double-decker bus. Two extremist Islamic groups claimed credit for the 56 dead and more than 700 injured. Three of the four bombers, who all died in the attacks, were homegrown, not foreign militants. Two weeks later, a second wave of attacks failed and British police quickly made four arrests. The manhunt continues for co-conspirators. (Dylan Martinez/AP)



▲ THE BUMBLEBEE SHOULDN'T FLY EITHER. The world's largest airliner, the Airbus A380, flew to Iqaluit, Nunavut, in Canada's Far North for extreme cold-weather testing before going into commercial service in late 2006. Europe's Airbus consortium spent more than 10 years and US\$13 billion developing the behemoth, which has room for 555 passengers, bars, gyms and duty-free shops on two decks. (Fabien Blhmer/AP)

► TURBULENT TIMES. In Baghdad, deposed dictator Saddam Hussein appeared before the Iraqi Special Tribunal on charges of crimes against humanity. Still, some observers questioned whether the proceedings amounted to anything more than a show trial—a point Saddam tried to make with his constant disruptions. Meanwhile, Iraqis held their first general election under a constitution that they themselves had written. But the resulting coalition government was fragile and fighting in some parts of Iraq was so fierce it raised the spectre of civil war.

More than 30,000 Iraqis and 2,500 foreign troops have died since the March 2003 invasion. (Parspix/Abaca Press/KRT)



▲ BIRD FLU MIGRATION. Although millions of birds were culled to try to eradicate the H5N1 strain of avian influenza, it continued to spread throughout Asia—and on into Africa and Europe. The flu also killed more than half of the people who were infected, probably from close contact with diseased birds. Scientists feared the virus could mutate into a form easily passed among humans, unleashing a global pandemic. (Greg Baker/AP)

World



► SOME PEOPLE COLLECT STAMPS. British adventurer Steve Fossett has set world records in mountain climbing, sailing, hot-air ballooning and aviation. He added No. 110 to his collection—the longest flight by any aircraft—by piloting the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer over 42,486 km in 76 hours 45 minutes. (Terry Renna/AP)

► NO LAUGHING MATTER. When a leading newspaper in Denmark published 12 editorial cartoons that violated the Islamic prohibition against depicting the Prophet Muhammad, Danish Muslims objected. Told it was a free-speech issue, they sought support in the Middle East. From there, the local controversy morphed into an international incident as Muslim outrage spread across the Internet—and spilled onto streets around the world. The cycle escalated as more publications in Europe and North America reprinted the cartoons, boycotts were mounted, ambassadors recalled, and protests in some parts of the Muslim world were so violent that nearly a dozen participants were killed. (Shakil Adil/AP)





Canada

▼ A VOTE FOR CHANGE, SORT OF. Stephen Harper ended 13 years of Liberal rule and became Canada's 22nd prime minister after the Conservatives captured enough seats—124—in a federal election to form a minority government. The rare winter campaign was triggered after the Conservatives, along with the New Democratic Party and the Bloc Québécois, toppled the Liberal minority government of Paul Martin. The Liberals elected 103 MPs, the Bloc 51 and the NDP 29 to the House of Commons. How long can all these politicians get along before sending Canadians to the polls again? History suggests less than two years. In any event, Ben and Rachel Harper are the first

kids to live at 24 Sussex Drive (the prime minister's official Ottawa residence, where they reside with their dad and mother, Laureen) since 1993.

(Peter Bregg/MACLEAN'S)



▲ CLEANING UP OTTAWA. Justice John Gomery had an unenviable task: sort through the often contradictory testimony at nine months of public hearings—during which politicians and public servants pointed the finger at one another; figure out how the sponsorship scandal arose; and recommend how to prevent something similar from happening again. The inquiry was called to look into how nearly half of the funds intended for national unity initiatives in Quebec ended up going to Liberal-friendly advertising firms, often for little or no work. In his final report, Gomery made 19 recommendations aimed at making the workings of the federal government more impartial, transparent and accountable. Afterwards, he said he was glad to be heading back to his regular job on the Superior Court of Quebec.

(Jonathan Hayward/CP)

◀ WE'RE NOT SURPRISED. Vancouver took the top spot in a ranking of 127 of the world's cities that took personal safety, infrastructure, and the availability of goods and services into account. In the survey by the Economist Intelligence Unit, a British based research firm, two other Canadian cities made the Top 10: Toronto at No. 9 and Calgary at No. 10. The worst? Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea. (Chuck Stoody/CP)



▲ RIDEAU HALL'S NEW RESIDENT. Michaëlle Jean became the 27th governor general, succeeding Adrienne Clarkson as the Queen's representative in Canada. A francophone who is fluent in five languages, Jean was born in Haiti and grew up in Montreal where she worked with battered women and children before carving out an award-winning career as a broadcaster and documentary filmmaker. (Jonathan Hayward/CP)



▲ THIS IMPRESSES HER. Country-pop superstar Shania Twain, who has sold some 34 million CDs worldwide, was inducted into the Order of Canada for her work to eliminate child hunger through school breakfast programs. Twain, who grew up in Timmins, Ont., was one of 43 Canadians at the November 2005 ceremony who received the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement. Other recipients included Ronald Tasker, a world-renowned neurosurgeon and professor emeritus at the University of Toronto who is also active in environmental organizations, and Thelma Finlayson, a trail-blazing entomologist and professor emerita at Simon Fraser University, who continues to demonstrate her lifelong concern for young people by voluntarily providing academic counselling.

(Nicole Khuat-Abaca Press/CP)



▲ BLACK AND BLUE. Conrad Black found himself under siege on yet another front when prosecutors in the United States charged him with 12 criminal offences, including fraud, money laundering and obstructing justice, that could net him 95 years in jail. This is on top of civil fraud charges, and a Canadian class action suit, in connection with the unraveling of Hollinger International Inc., once one of the world's leading newspaper publishers, after Black and other high-ranking officials allegedly siphoned off millions. Black pleaded not guilty in a Chicago court and vowed to fight all charges.

(Peter Bregg/MACLEAN'S)



▲ HONOURING A HERO. To mark the 25th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, more than 3.3 million students at 10,000 schools from coast to coast participated in the Terry Fox National School Run Day. The largest student event in Canadian history was in honour of a young man who died before they were born. In 1980, Fox, who had lost a leg to the disease, planned to run from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific to raise \$1 million for cancer research, but had to abandon his journey in Northern Ontario. The cancer had spread to his lungs and he died 10 months later at the age of 22. Since then, nearly \$400 million has been raised in his name for cancer research. (CP Photo)



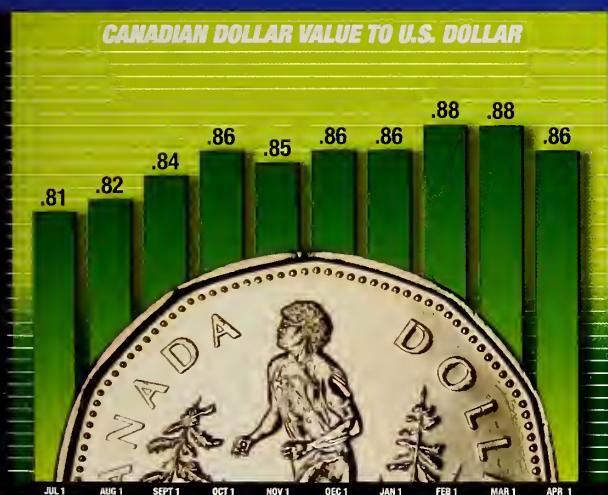
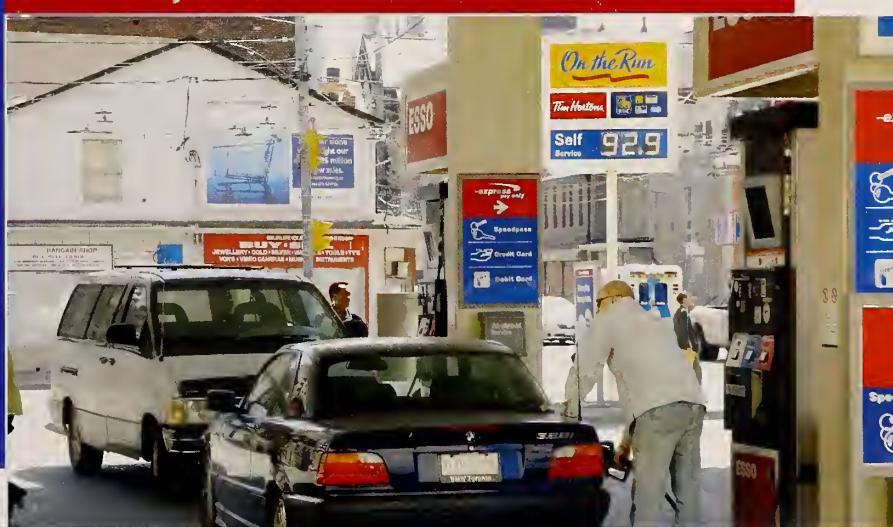
▲ SOME CALL IT A MIRACLE. An Air France Airbus A340 overshot the runway while trying to land at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, skidded into a small ravine and burst into flames. Yet all 297 passengers and 12 crew members survived, some suffering just minor injuries as they evacuated the airliner in less than two minutes.

(Jorge Rios/CP)



▲ SOUNDS LIKE OLD TIMES. CBC News programs were significantly curtailed, and in the case of CBC Television, replaced with newscasts from the BBC, when the public broadcaster locked out 5,500 of its unionized employees for 50 days. The workers had been without a contract for more than a year when the dispute came to a head over the issue of contract employees. A mediator broke the impasse and soon the regulars were back on the airwaves. (Nathan Denette/CP)

▼ ALL PUMPED UP. As crude oil prices soared past US\$70 a barrel on world markets, Canadians felt the pain at their local service stations. Prices pushed past a loonie a litre, before settling back somewhat. Still, that's a relative bargain; consumers in the Netherlands, for instance, were paying \$1.35 (euro) a litre, or about C\$1.95. (Peter Bregg/MACLEAN'S)





Music

▼ **LIVE 8 ROCKED.** In 1985, Bob Geldof was the driving force behind Live Aid, a global music event that raised millions for Ethiopian famine relief. Twenty years later—and now Sir Bob—Geldof organized Live 8. The free concerts, held in 10 cities the week before a G8 summit in Scotland, were designed to pressure leaders from the world's richest nations to not only give humanitarian aid to Africa, but to establish concrete methods for tackling its poverty. More than one million attended the free events, while an estimated two billion watched on TV. They sent some 26.4 million text messages to help drive home the Live 8 message delivered by the star-studded lineup of performers, among them Paul McCartney and Coldplay in London, Bon Jovi and Destiny's Child in Philadelphia, and Neil Young and Motley Crue (below) in Barrie, Ont., near Toronto. Perhaps it worked: the G8 promised to increase aid to Africa by US\$25 billion and to cancel the debts of the continent's 18 poorest countries.

(CTV Photo)



◀ **BONO-FIED STAR POWER.** It was a good year for Bono who opened the London leg of the Live 8 concert with Paul McCartney. The lead singer of U2 was also on hand when the perennially popular Irish group captured five more Grammys—for a career total of 20—for *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*, including best album and best rock album. Now maybe Bono can go back to lecturing world leaders about the environment—or flogging iPods.

(David T. Foster III/Charlotte Observer/KRT)



▲ **REVERSAL OF FORTUNE I.** It would be easy to dismiss the TV contest *Rock Star: INXS* as just a gimmick, except for the results. The venerable Australian band, floundering eight years after the suicide of lead singer Michael Hutchence, got a hip new front man. In turn, Canadian J.D. Fortune (second from left), a struggling entertainer who lived in his car before entering the contest, achieved a long-held dream, beating out 14 other wannabes for the gig. A new hit album, *Switch*, and a sold-out North American concert tour followed, showing the band picked the right guy. (Jose Carlos Fajardo/Contra Costa Times)



▲ **BUT MUSIC CRITICS STILL DON'T LIKE THEM.** Nickelback's latest CD, *All the Right Reasons*, became the first album by a Canadian band in more than three decades to simultaneously debut at No. 1 on Canadian and U.S. *Billboard* music charts. Meanwhile, *Photograph* was downloaded more than one million times, making Vancouver-based Nickelback just the sixth act to have a single pass the million-download mark. (Lionel Hahn/Abaca Press/KRT)

► **WALKING TALL.** *The Dukes of Hazzard*, the even lamer update of the lame TV show, had a big opening weekend—and for that the movie's producers should thank Jessica Simpson. The Texas pastor's daughter made her film debut and starred in the accompanying music video, *These Boots Are Made for Walkin'*, portraying the bodacious Daisy Duke. Not surprisingly, the sexy video—at least one Christian group said it was *too* sexy—was one of the most frequently downloaded in 2005. And just in case we hadn't had enough of the tabloid-fodder celeb, Simpson launched her own line of footwear, including—yup, you guessed it—cowgirl boots just like Daisy's. (Lionel Hahn/Abaca Press/KRT)



Top 10 Albums • 05

1. THE MASSACRE	50 CENT
2. ENCORE	EMINEM
3. AMERICAN IDIOT	GREEN DAY
4. THE EMANCIPATION OF MIMI	MARIAH CAREY
5. BREAKAWAY	KELLY CLARKSON
6. LOVE, ANGEL, MUSIC, BABY	GWEN STEFANI
7. DESTINY FULFILLED	DESTINY'S CHILD
8. HOW TO DISMANTLE AN ATOMIC BOMB	U2
9. GREATEST HITS	SHANIA TWAIN
10. FEELS LIKE TODAY	RASCAL FLATTS



◀ SMART MOVE. Green Day earned even more respect for their concept album *American Idiot*. Released in 2004, it has since sold more than 11 million copies and gathered an impressive collection of hardware. A year after winning their first Grammy (best rock album) for the innovative punk-rock opera about the post-9/11 world, the San Francisco Bay-area band won the record-of-the-year Grammy for their second No. 1 single from the CD *Boulevard of Broken Dreams*. Mike Dirnt, Billie Joe Armstrong and Tre Cool then picked up the 2006 People's Choice Award for favourite group and swept seven awards out of eight nominations at the MTV Video Awards. Meanwhile, rumour had it that cameras were getting ready to roll for a movie version of *American Idiot*.

(Frederic-Abacapress/KRT)

▼ THAT'S GRATITUDE FOR YOU. Kelly Clarkson, who in 2002 was voted the first *American Idol* winner, also became the first of the reality-show songsters to pick up a Grammy. In fact, she took home two—best pop vocal album for *Breakaway* and best female pop performance for her hit song *Since U Been Gone*. Funny thing though: in her acceptance speeches, a teary Clarkson thanked everyone but the TV talent show that made her famous.

(Hahn-Khayat-Abacapress/KRT)



◀ MORE LIKE \$50 MILLION. No wonder *Billboard* magazine named 50 Cent its Artist of the Year for 2005. The rapper (real name, Curtis Jackson) followed up the monster success of his 2002 CD, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, with a love-him-or-hate-him lead role in the semi-autobiographical movie of the same name. The ex-gangsta turned rap star and record mogul had another success on his hands with his sophomore album, *The Massacre*. And in the newest metric of success, his hit single *Candy Shop* was the No. 1 downloaded ring tone for the year.

(Michael Gibson-Paramount Pictures/KRT)



► WHAT ELSE? What do you do with a duo that defies easy categorization, records on analog equipment older than they are and won't even clarify if they are siblings or were once married? Well, if you're talking about innovative Detroit-based rockers Jack (right) and Meg White of the White Stripes, you give their smash hit CD *Get Behind Me Satan* the Grammy for best alternative album.

(Nicole Khayat-Abacapress/KRT)



◀ WE'LL THINK OF HIM. Country music sensation Keith Urban, who grew up in Australia dreaming of Nashville—his home for real since 1992—has earned the reputation as one of the most electrifying performers around. So it's really no surprise he took home the 2006 Grammy for best male country vocal performance for *You'll Think of Me*, a cut from his triple-platinum album *Golden Road*.

(Lionel Hahn-Abacapress/KRT)

▲ REVERSAL OF FORTUNE II. Mariah Carey's once high-flying career was in a nosedive. That, however, was before the R&B-pop diva signed with a new label and released *The Emancipation of Mimi* to critical and popular acclaim. With almost five million copies sold in 2005, the CD was one of the year's top sellers, garnered her three Grammys, and gave her a No. 1 hit single, *We Belong Together*, which *Billboard Magazine* named song of the year. Carey's got her glitter back.

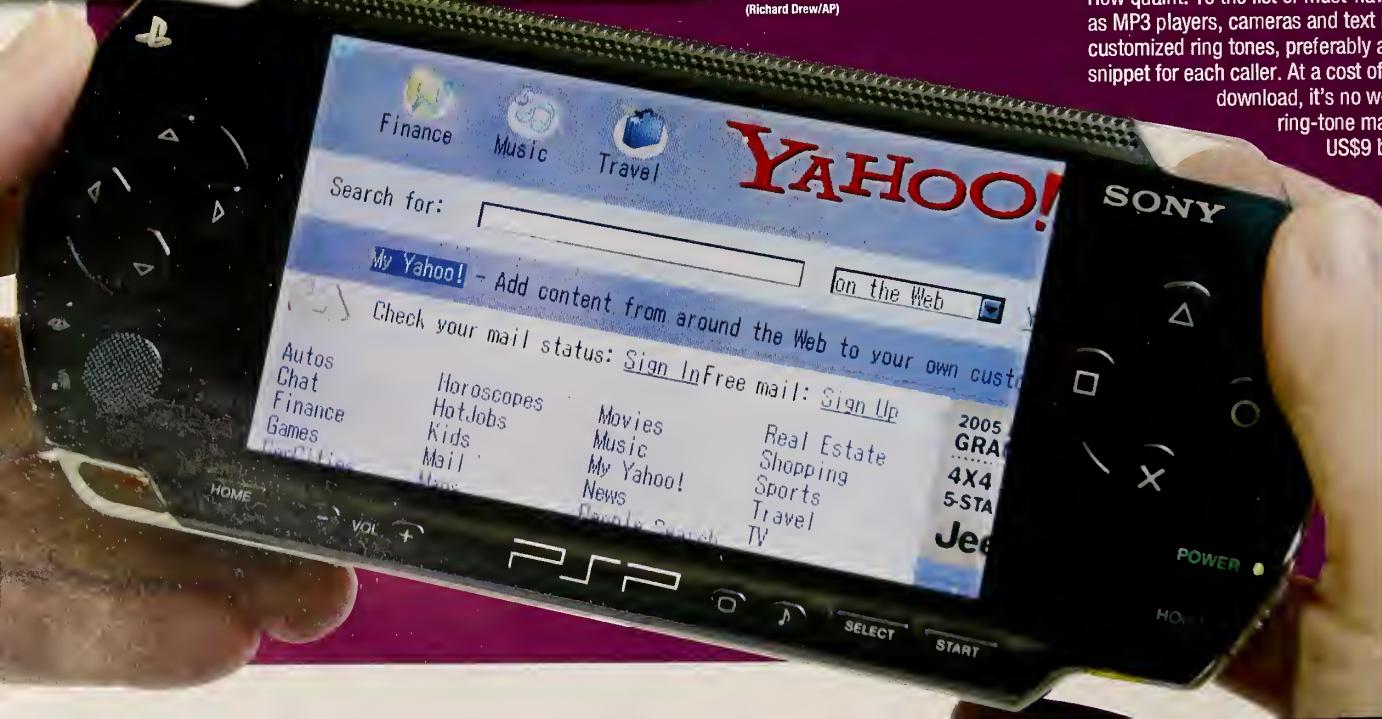
(David P. Gilkey-Detroit Free Press/KRT)



XBOX 360



Lifestyle



► SMALL DEVICE, BIG STAKES.

With more than five million BlackBerry subscribers in 50 countries, Waterloo, Ont.-based Research in Motion dominates the wireless email industry. But in its largest market, the United States, RIM found itself in a protracted legal battle with patent-holding company NTP Inc. of Arlington, Va. With hundreds of millions of dollars at stake the obscure patent case

morphed into a widely watched international drama. After almost five years of wrangling—and faced with the threat of a court injunction that could have shut down BlackBerry service in the U.S.—RIM agreed to pay NTP US\$612.5 million to settle the case. (Richard Drew/AP)

◀ SUPPLY AND DEMAND. The Xbox 360 is an awesome machine with a console up to 10 times more powerful than its predecessor; high-definition content; digital surround sound; and off- and online gaming with massive multiplayer games. At least that's how the lucky few who managed to get their hands on one of the home entertainment systems reviewed it. Microsoft blamed a "short-term manufacturing challenge" for the limited supply that caused sales of the Xbox 360 to get off to a much slower start than anticipated. (John Froschauer/AP)

▼ THE POWER OF PORTABILITY.

The latest high-tech gadgets, including Sony's Playstation Portable, are dramatically changing how and where we get news and entertainment. The PSP is a gaming platform, but like certain makes of cellphones and other mobile devices, it can also play video. The proliferation of platforms is forcing a content revolution, too, and in what is perhaps the clearest sign that "convergence" is finally more than a buzzword, TV producer Mark Burnett of *Survivor* fame signed on to create a real-life treasure hunt available exclusively on AOL.

(Richard Drew/AP)



▲ SINGALONG TIME.

A cellphone just for talking? How quaint. To the list of must-have features, such as MP3 players, cameras and text messaging, add customized ring tones, preferably a different sound snippet for each caller. At a cost of up to \$3 per download, it's no wonder the global ring-tone market is pushing US\$9 billion.

(Charles Osgood—Chicago Tribune/KRT)



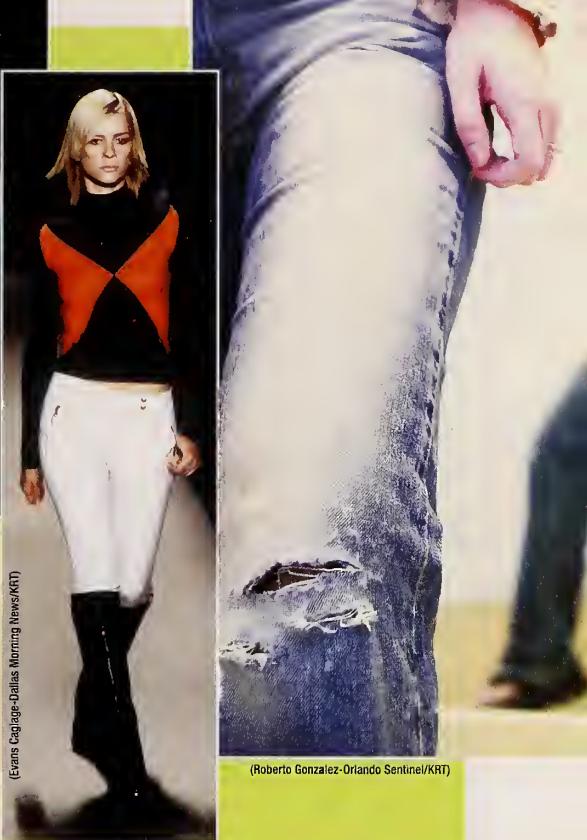
▲ X MARKS THE SPOT. Wi-Fi hot spots, which provide wireless connection to the Internet, continue to sprout like mushrooms after a rainstorm. Businesses like coffee shops, hotels and airports were among the first to recognize the service's appeal to those with notebook computers and other mobile devices. And now a growing number of universities and municipalities offer the service free to those within their boundaries. It gives new meaning to the boast "I've got connections."

(Paul Rubiera-Miami Herald/KRT)



▲ ▶ RETRO COOL. Fashionistas continue to mine the '60s for the latest looks. Jeans, of course, are always in style, but the denim du jour, whether ripped and/or worn tucked inside boots, has that groovy, hippie thing going on. As for sunglasses (as sported by Madonna, above), they haven't been this oversized since Jackie Onassis hid behind dark shades.

(Shizuo Kambayashi/AP)



(Evans Caglage-Dallas Morning News/KRT)

(Roberto Gonzalez-Orlando Sentinel/KRT)



▲ MUSIC À LA CARTE. It's funny what a difference 99 cents makes. Downloading tunes may have had a controversial start (think Napster), but direct-to-consumer music sales on a pay-per-song basis are now legit—and big business. Use of the industry-leading iTunes application on Apple's website hit 20.7 million unique visitors in one month alone. That must be music to Steve Jobs' ears.

(Damian Dovarganes/AP)

▼ GET SERIOUS. Digital satellite radio arrived in Canada as Sirius Canada and XM Canada began broadcasting a wide assortment of channels to subscribers with special compatible radios. The CBC has a 40 per cent stake in Sirius Canada—which ironically puts the public broadcaster on the same satellite dial as American shock jock Howard Stern.

(Jonathan Hayward/CP)

Lifestyle



▶ TEENY BUT NOT WEEENIE.

The iPod Nano was a surprise replacement for the iPod mini, which Apple took off the market the same day it launched its fourth digital audio player. But with its slim good looks and flash memory that makes it immune to skipping, the Nano just might be the coolest member of the iPod family yet.

(Paul Sakuma/AP)





▲ **MAYBE IT'S HER DOUBLE.** Lindsay Lohan has been before the cameras since she was 3, but it's her off-screen antics that make the news. Then again, any model/singer/actor who has three car crashes, loses a dramatic amount of weight, and is hospitalized with a serious asthma attack, all within a few months, can expect to draw a little attention to herself.

(Lionel Hahn-Abaca Press/KRT)



◀ **THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE.** What had been tabloid fodder for months turned out to be true: Brad Pitt had indeed left his wife, Jennifer Aniston, for Angelina Jolie, his co-star in the hit flick *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*. Same for the rumours that Jolie, the mother of two adopted children and a goodwill ambassador for the UN, was pregnant. But don't shed a tear for Aniston. The former *Friends* co-star appeared in four movies in six months and found a new beau in Vince Vaughn. (Stephen Vaughn/20th Century Fox)



Entertainment



◀ **HERE'S LOOKIN' AT YOU, KID.** With her marriage reportedly rocky, there's no saying how long Britney Spears will remain Mrs. Kevin Federline. Perhaps "Sean Preston's mom" is a better bet.

(Nicolas Khayat-Abaca Press/KRT)



◀ **FLYING SOLO.** They were billed as America's favourite couple on the hit MTV reality program *Newlyweds*—but that was before Jessica Simpson filed for divorce from hubby Nick Lachey. Still, the blond Texan, who hit the big screen as Daisy Duke in *The Dukes of Hazzard*, remains as popular as ever.

(Lionel Hahn-Abaca Press/KRT)

▲ WHO ARE YOU CALLING AN HEIRHEAD?

Perennial party girl Paris Hilton was engaged to Paris Latsis, the scion of a wealthy Greek shipping family, for all of four months. Still she walked away with a 25-carat white diamond ring and a 21-carat canary diamond ring worth about a cool \$10 million. Not that the heir to the Hilton hotel fortune needs the money. (James Fox-Express Syndication/KRT)



◀ **LIP-LOCKED AND LOADED.** A cynic might see Tom Cruise's hyperbolic protestations of love for Katie Holmes on *Oprah* as the antics of a slightly over-the-hill actor trying to reignite his career. But romantics, noting the couple's marriage and baby on the way, are no doubt certain that Tom does **REALLY LOVE HER!!!!!!** (Gerald Horowitz-Abaca Press/KRT)



◀ **A STAR IS BORN.** Rachel McAdams's (right) big Hollywood breakthrough is no fluke. The St. Thomas, Ont., native showed she can do it all, with head-turning performances in *Red Eye* (horror), *The Notebook* (romance), *Wedding Crashers* and *The Family Stone* (comedies).

(NEW LINE CINEMA/KRT)



◀ **IDOL NOT IDLE.** When this picture was taken, there were 16 *American Idol* semifinalists—and only one of them was destined to go home happy. Still, the real winner is the program itself. Ratings for *American Idol's* fifth go-round were even higher than for past seasons—a feat unmatched by any other reality show. Meanwhile, *Canadian Idol* was a ratings juggernaut on its home turf. (Ray Mickshaw/FOX)

Television



▲ **WE'RE NOT IN CALIFORNIA ANYMORE.** *Falcon Beach* has all the teen angst—not to mention buff bods and raging hormones—that helped make hits out of shows like *The O.C.* But those are definitely not palm trees behind Tanya (Devon Weigel, left), Paige (Jennifer Kydd) and Erin (Melissa Elias, crouching). The Canadian drama is set in a fictional resort town on the edge of Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba.

(Global TV Photo)



▲ **TROUBLE IN SUBURBIA.** The characters on *Desperate Housewives* may look perfect. But true happiness eludes (from left) Susan Mayer (Teri Hatcher), Gabrielle Solis (Eva Longoria), Bree Van De Kamp (Marcia Cross) and the other residents of Wisteria Lane, what with all the murder and misbehaving in their midst. But their misery keeps fans of the nighttime soap opera tuning in. (CTV Photo)



▲ **THE SUSPENSE IS KILLING US.** In "flashbacks" to the present day, Ted Mosby (Josh Radnor, centre) is looking for the woman of his dreams. Given the title, *How I Met Your Mother*, and that he's talking to his son and daughter 25 years in the future (narration by an unseen Bob Saget), we can assume he found her. The mystery at the heart of the sitcom: who is she? (Global TV Photo)



◀ **FAMILY DYNAMICS.** *Gilmore Girls* may have started out as a critics' pick, but with its light touch on serious subjects, including the relationship of single mom Lorelai and daughter Rory, it eventually found a loyal audience. The Teen Choice Awards named it best comedy and Lauren Graham (front left) as Choice TV Parental Unit, while Alexis Bledel (front right) scored twice, as the Choice It Girl and TV Actress Comedy. (Global TV Photo)



◀ **SMOOTH OPERATORS.** *Grey's Anatomy* became the hottest new show of the year thanks to its radical surgery on the hospital drama format. Take the case of Dr. Cristina Yang. Canada's Sandra Oh won a Golden Globe for her portrayal of the nakedly ambitious intern who gets to deliver some of the most cutting—and hilarious—lines on TV. (ABC Television/KRT)



▶ **BREAKOUT HIT.** Your brother is in jail about to be executed for a murder you believe he didn't commit. So what do you do? If you're structural engineer Michael Scofield (Wentworth Miller, left) on *Prison Break*, you plan to bust him out by getting thrown into the same slammer. With tattoos on your torso that are really blueprints of the joint, escape should be simple, right? Not when there are assassins on the outside and low-lives like T-Bag (Robert Knepper) on the inside to contend with. (C. Hodes/FOX)

▼ **THE DNA OF SUCCESS.** Some popular TV shows set fashion trends or turn obscure tunes into hit songs. But *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* (cast, below) and its popular spinoffs, *CSI: Miami* and *CSI: New York*, can top that: they have their own effect. Legal experts say some jurors are disappointed—and at some trials even refuse to convict—when they're not presented with the sort of cutting-edge forensic evidence that, for now at least, exists only on the series. On the upside, the so-called *CSI* effect is credited with increasing college enrollment in forensic and related science courses. (CTV Photo)





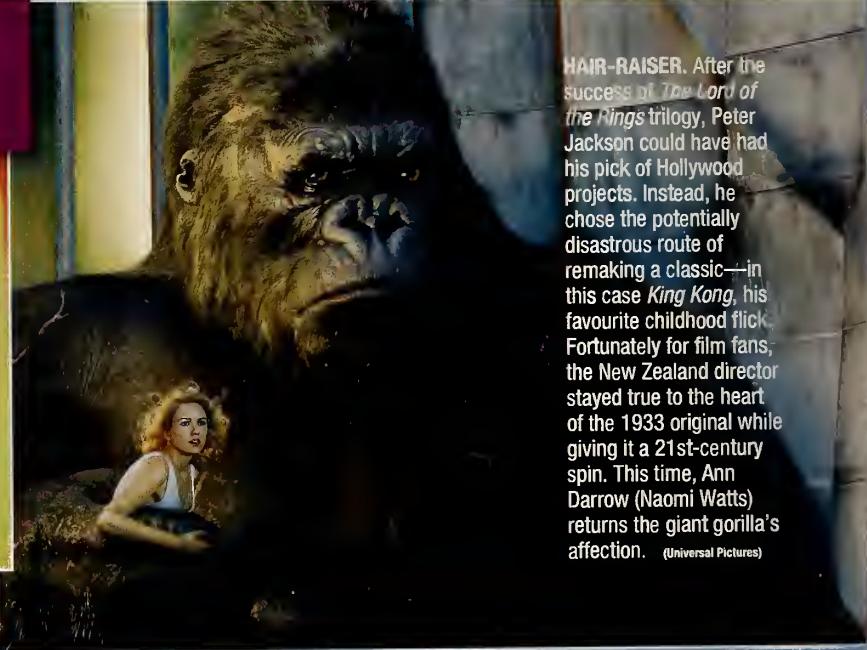
◀ AN UNCOMPROMISING HIT. With its ensemble cast and intricate, interwoven story lines, *Crash* is an unflinching examination of racial tensions in Los Angeles. So even London, Ont.-born Paul Haggis (right) seemed surprised when the movie he wrote and directed won the Oscar for best picture. But if the cheer that erupted from the audience attending the Academy Awards is any indication, maybe it wasn't such a long shot after all.

(Michael Goulding-Orange County Register/KRT)

Movies



▲ HOW WE GOT BRADGELINA. In *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*, John (Brad Pitt) and wife Jane (Angelina Jolie) are trapped in a dull marriage, oblivious to what the other does for a living. But as assassins for rival firms, they're instructed to dispose of each other. Some highly stylish shootouts ensue—but thanks to what happened off-screen, it was Pitt's marriage to Jennifer Aniston that got annihilated. (20th Century)



HAIR-RAISER. After the success of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, Peter Jackson could have had his pick of Hollywood projects. Instead, he chose the potentially disastrous route of remaking a classic—in this case *King Kong*, his favourite childhood flick. Fortunately for film fans, the New Zealand director stayed true to the heart of the 1933 original while giving it a 21st-century spin. This time, Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) returns the giant gorilla's affection. (Universal Pictures)

▼ SWEET GENIUS. There is a lot to like about Tim Burton's colour-saturated adaptation of Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. And Johnny Depp, who seems to revel in surreal characters, is brilliant as the reclusive candy baron who decides to open his factory gates to five young visitors. (Warner Bros.)



▲ A ROARING START. *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* does a dazzling job of bringing to the screen the first of C. S. Lewis's seven books about four siblings evacuated to the English countryside from wartime London who discover a mythical land. The lion, Aslan, speaks, but there's nothing anthropomorphic about this fearless feline. (Phil Bray)





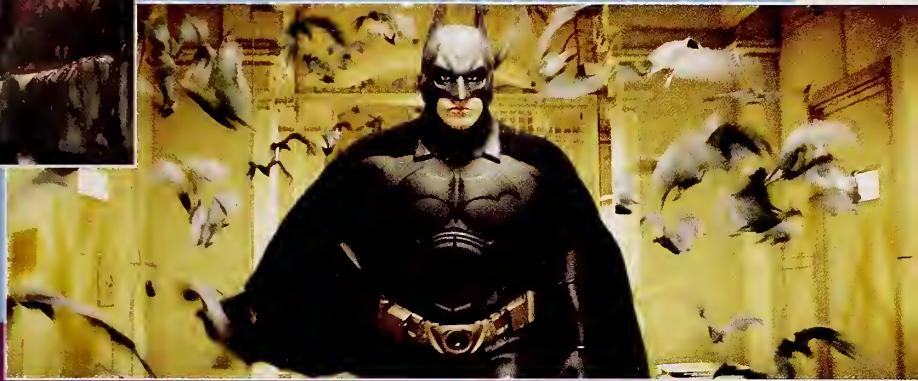
◀ **MAGIC CAN'T HELP.** Harry Potter has to learn fast as the challenges he faces in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, the fourth film adaptation from British novelist J. K. Rowling's insanely successful series, become ever more dangerous. But perhaps the scariest thing that the young wizard (Daniel Radcliffe, centre) and his friends Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) must contend with is becoming teenagers. (Warner Bros.)



▲ **NOT A CHICK FLICK.** One of the few hit movies of 2005 that was not a sequel or an adaptation, *Wedding Crashers* went its own hilarious way with a randy brand of humour. John Beckwith (Owen Wilson, right) and Jeremy Grey (Vince Vaughn) crash strangers' nuptials for less than altruistic reasons. And while each guy eventually finds love, don't be fooled—it's really a buddy movie in disguise. (New Line Cinema/KRT)



► **A METAPHOR FOR THE POWER OF EVIL.** In his adaptation of H. G. Wells's then-groundbreaking 1898 science-fiction novel about Martians attempting a hostile takeover, Steven Spielberg makes the idea of an alien invasion of Earth seem not only startling again, but somehow believable. The most unlikely part of *War of the Worlds*: Tom Cruise as an ordinary blue-collar kind of guy. (Andrew Cooper-Paramount Pictures/KRT)

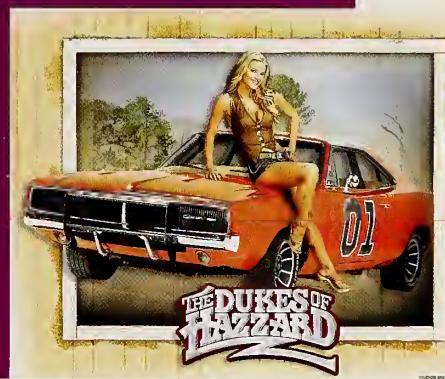


▲ **THE DARK KNIGHT TAKES FLIGHT.** The world might not have needed another *Batman* movie—there were four varyingly successful ones between 1989 and 1997. But British art-house director Christopher Nolan, best known for his 2000 mind-twister, *Memento*, has rethought the concept in this prequel that shows how a young Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) got his cape and semi-mystical crime-fighting abilities, giving *Batman Begins* a fresh take on the franchise. (Warner Bros.)



▲ **TO THE DARK SIDE.** Anyone familiar with the original 1977 *Star Wars* movie knows how *Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith* has to end: with the Galactic Empire rising and Anakin Skywalker (Vancouver-born actor Hayden Christensen) transformed into the evil Darth Vader. George Lucas filmed the second half of his *Star Wars* sextet first, before looping back to film the three earlier episodes. *Revenge of the Sith*, the top money earner of 2005, is the best of those prequels and brings us back to where it all started “a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.” (LucasFilm/KRT)

▼ **LAW OF THE JUNGLE.** With a landscape inspired by Henri Rousseau and actors like Ben Stiller, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith contributing their voices, *Madagascar* is a charming tale about what happens when four pampered New York City zoo animals are stranded in the wild. Blame the penguins, who hijack the ship they were on—and steal the movie. (DreamWorks Animation)



► **HAVING A GOOD OL' TIME.** *The Dukes of Hazzard*, starring Jessica Simpson as cousin Daisy Duke and a souped-up Dodge Charger as the General Lee, is proof that a movie doesn't have to be a critical, or even a box-office success to make money if you have the right spinoff merchandise. (Warner Bros.)

Top Movies • 05 us\$

1. STAR WARS: EPISODE III – REVENGE OF THE SITH	\$380 MILLION
2. HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE	\$289 MILLION
3. THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE	\$288 MILLION
4. WAR OF THE WORLDS	\$234 MILLION
5. KING KONG	\$217 MILLION
6. WEDDING CRASHERS	\$209 MILLION
7. CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	\$206 MILLION
8. BATMAN BEGINS	\$205 MILLION
9. MADAGASCAR	\$193 MILLION
10. MR. AND MRS. SMITH	\$186 MILLION



▲ ▼ BUILDING UP TO VANCOUVER IN 2010. In its best-ever Olympics, Canada won 24 medals at the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy. Of that tally—just one shy of the 25 the Canadian Olympic Committee had projected—a whopping 16 were won by women.

Leading the way was speed skater Cindy Klassen (left) of Winnipeg, who became the first Canadian to win five medals at one Olympics. The women's national hockey team continued its winning ways, capturing its second consecutive Olympic gold medal by beating Sweden 4-1. During the course of the Games, the Canadians outscored their opponents 48-2 thanks to the firepower of veterans and newcomers alike. In stark contrast, the highly touted men's hockey team (in white jerseys, bottom), made up of big-name NHL stars, failed not only to make it to the medal round but even to score in three games. Men's curling was a happier story, with the team led by skip Brad Gushue (throwing, below centre), winning Canada's first Olympic gold in the event by beating Finland 10-4. Newfoundland and Labrador announced it would honour the province's heroes by naming a road Team Gushue Highway, while St. John's promised to dedicate a street to each team member—and link them via Gold Medal Drive.

Sports

Olympic Medals

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
GERMANY	11	12	6	29
UNITED STATES	9	9	7	25
CANADA	7	10	7	24
AUSTRIA	9	7	7	23
RUSSIA	8	6	8	22
NORWAY	2	8	9	19
SWEDEN	7	2	5	14
SWITZERLAND	5	4	5	14
SOUTH KOREA	6	3	2	11
ITALY	5	0	6	11



(Peter Bregg/MACLEAN'S)



▲ FAREWELL TOUR. Lance Armstrong, who has one of the most remarkable careers in modern sport, announced his retirement from cycling after winning an unprecedented seventh Tour de France. The 34-year-old was said to be contemplating entering politics—as if conquering testicular cancer as well as the Pyrenees weren't enough challenges for one lifetime.

(Bruno Klein-Abaca Press/KRT)



(Peter Bregg/MACLEAN'S)



▲ PIGSKIN THRILLER. The Edmonton Eskimos defeated the Montreal Alouettes with a dramatic overtime field goal to win the Grey Cup in what some sportswriters called one of the most thrilling contests in the 93-year history of the CFL championship game. Edmonton quarterback Ricky Ray, who tossed a great game before running the ball himself for a one-yard touchdown with just one minute and three seconds to go, was named the game's MVP. (Chuck Stoody/GP)



and quickest player in LPGA history to cross the \$1-million mark in career earnings and went on to become the LPGA's rookie of the year.

(Bryan Oller—Colorado Springs Gazette/KRT)

► WINTERING THE STORM. Nobody in the NHL could afford a repeat of the 2004-2005 season in which the lockout and subsequent cancellation meant all 1,230 regular-season and Stanley Cup playoff games—not to mention some US\$460 million in revenues—were wiped out. Worse, polls indicated fans didn't miss professional hockey all that much. Virtually forced to ink a deal, the owners and players made sure that the 2005-2006 season started on schedule. And the fans? The diehard sort returned in record numbers. Casual TV viewership in the U.S., however, was down dramatically, putting the NHL's dream of a major breakthrough with American fans on thinner ice than ever.

(Michael Perez—Philadelphia Inquirer/KRT)



► VA-VA-VA-VROOM. Noting that a fourth-place finish at the Indianapolis 500 was as good as it got for Danica Patrick in 2005, some competitors on the Indy Racing League wondered just what she'd done to capture rookie-of-the-year honours and all the media attention. But with the IRL lagging far behind NASCAR in terms of fan and sponsor support, maybe her detractors should have instead thanked the petite 23-year-old Wisconsin native for all the D.U.Z.Z. (Susan Tripp Pollard—Contra Costa Times/KRT)

▼ ONE GOOD KICK. That's all it took for Brian Diesbourg, a 25-year-old mechanical engineer from Belle River, Ont., to win \$1 million. Diesbourg, who plays soccer but not football, placed a 50-yard field goal between the uprights during halftime at a Toronto Argonauts home game to win the prize, which will be doled out in \$25,000 chunks over the next 40 years. (Adrian Wyld/GP)



◀ FORE! A bevy of young talent is changing the face of women's golf. Michelle Wie, the six-foot phenom from Hawaii who has a fairway-chewing drive of 300 yards, turned pro the week before she turned 16 with nearly US\$10 million in endorsements. Media darling Natalie Gulbis (pictured left), 23, appeared everywhere from her own bathing-suit calendar to a four-part reality show about her life on the LPGA tour, despite never having won a major event. Paula Creamer, 19, got

noticed the old-fashioned way—she earned the attention. Fresh from high school, Creamer became the youngest

to get the nod, but never content to rest on his laurels, he set himself the goal of finishing the season as the NBA's free-throw champion, one title that has always just eluded him.



▲ NEVER STOP TRYING. Steve Nash, the Phoenix Suns guard from Victoria, showed that nice guys can finish first when he was named the NBA's most valuable player for 2005, in large part for his unselfish play. Nash was the first Canadian to get the nod, but never content to rest on his laurels, he set himself the goal of finishing the season as the NBA's free-throw champion, one title that has always just eluded him.

(George Bridges/KRT)



► TALENT TO SPARE. Sidney Crosby had the sort of rookie year the struggling Pittsburgh Penguins must have hoped for when they selected the five-foot-eleven centre first overall in the 2005 NHL entry draft.

Crosby, born in Cole Harbour, N.S., led his team in points and was on track to tally the most points by an 18-year-old in NHL history—plus he was generous enough and skilled enough to put his teammates on the scoreboard, too.

(Winslow Townson/AP)



2005 Champions

GREY CUP	EDMONTON ESKIMOS OVER MONTREAL ALOUETTES	38-35 (OT)
SUPER BOWL XL	PITTSBURGH STEELERS OVER SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	21-10
PGA	TIGER WOODS	\$10.6 MILLION (U.S.)
LPGA	ANNIKA SORENSTAM	\$2.6 MILLION (U.S.)
NBA	SAN ANTONIO SPURS OVER DETROIT PISTONS	4-3 SERIES
WORLD SERIES	CHICAGO WHITE SOX OVER HOUSTON ASTROS	4-0 SERIES
WOMEN'S CURLING	KELLY SCOTT, BC OVER JENNIFER JONES, MB	SCOTT TOURN. OF HEARTS
MEN'S CURLING	JEAN-MICHEL MÉNARD, QC OVER GLENN HOWARD, ON	THE BRIER
STANLEY CUP	SEASON CANCELLED	

Science

▼ A BLAST FROM THE PAST. The space shuttle Discovery landed safely after astronauts conducted in-flight repairs to the shuttle's external heat shield. Still, the end may be in sight for the problem-plagued space shuttle program. NASA plans to finish building the International Space Station and then retire Discovery and the two remaining shuttles by 2010. Soon after, astronauts will be launched into space aboard NASA's new Crew Exploration Vehicle—essentially a souped-up version of the rockets used in the original Apollo moon-landing missions of the 1960s.

(Red Huber-Orlando Sentinel/KRT)



automakers are working on prototypes of hydrogen-powered vehicles. It could be some time yet before they make today's cars as obsolete as the horse and buggy. (Carl Wagner-Chicago Tribune/KRT)

◀ THE GREENER WAY. Hybrid vehicles that use both gas and electric motors to double their fuel efficiency and halve their emissions have gone almost mainstream as they capture a growing share of the North American new-car market. So early adopters have moved on to the next big thing: biodiesel. Made from renewable energy sources like corn, soy or animal fats, the fuel can be used in any standard diesel engine and doesn't create greenhouse gases. Meanwhile, still, problems associated with

AND THEN THERE WERE TEN.

Astronomers announced that they had discovered a new planet in the outer reaches of our solar system. Nicknamed Xena—at least until the international body that vets names comes up with something official—it looks a lot like its nearest planetary neighbour, Pluto. But it is almost three times farther from the sun—nearly 10 billion miles—and its 560-year orbit takes twice the time of Pluto's. But Xena is not alone out there; the astronomers also found a moon orbiting the planet and nicknamed it Gabrielle.

(NASA/JPL-Caltech)



◀ WINDS OF CHANGE. Does global warming cause hurricanes? That seems a reasonable question following a tropical storm season that was the longest on record and wreaked unprecedented damage. Some data indicates that global climate change does not increase the number of hurricanes, but it does cause those that do occur to be much more ferocious. Not all scientists agree, and the research—and the debate—continue. (Tim Chapman-Miami Herald/KRT)

► INCREASING THE ODDS. Medical researchers discovered how cancer spreads, a finding that could potentially lead to new ways of preventing and treating the disease. The original tumour sends out a chemical envoy that prepares a so-called landing pad elsewhere in the body that attracts cancerous cells and makes it easy for them to colonize the secondary site. Cancer's ability to spread is what makes it so deadly, and blocking the envoys might halt that process.

(Vernon Bryant-Dallas Morning/KRT)



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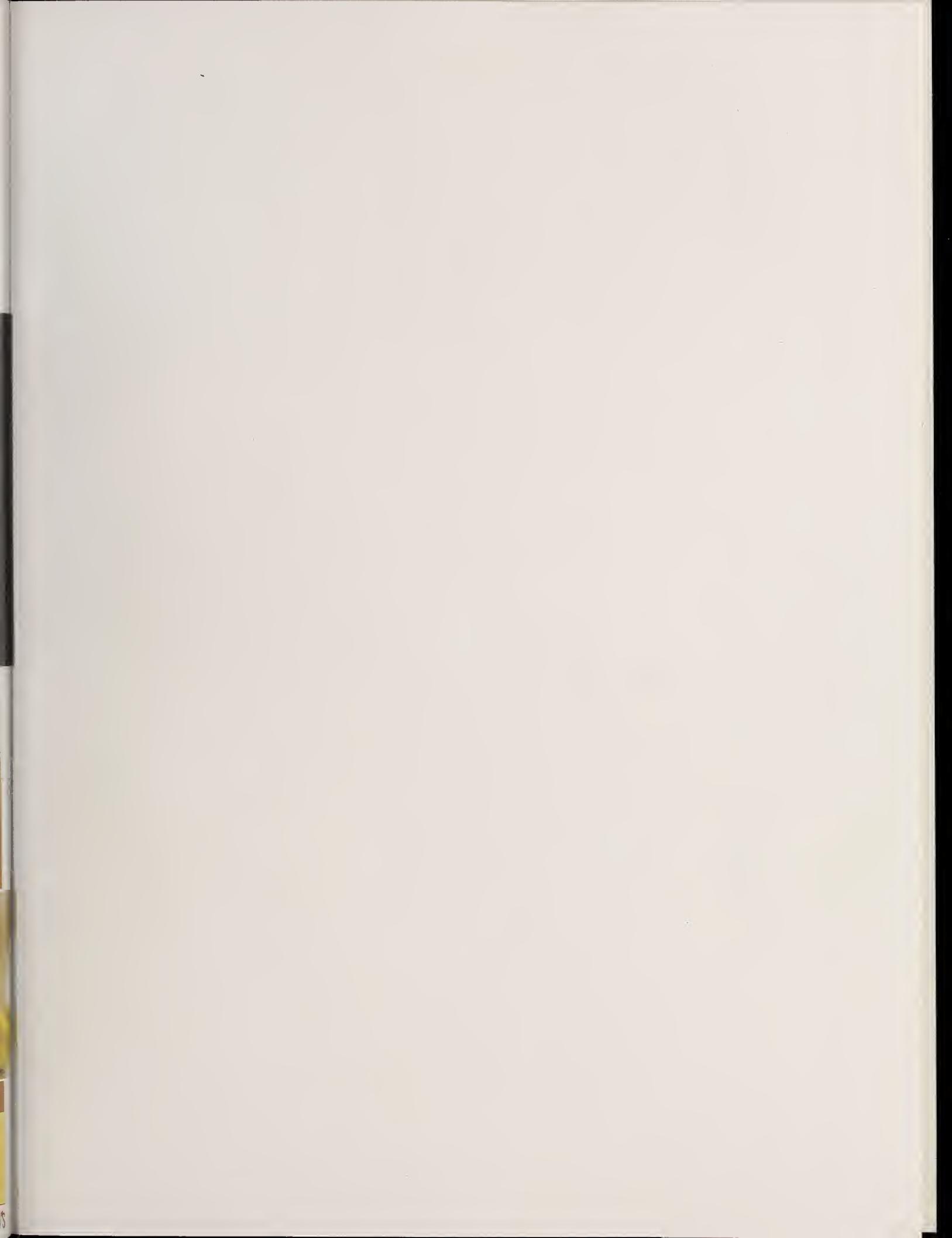
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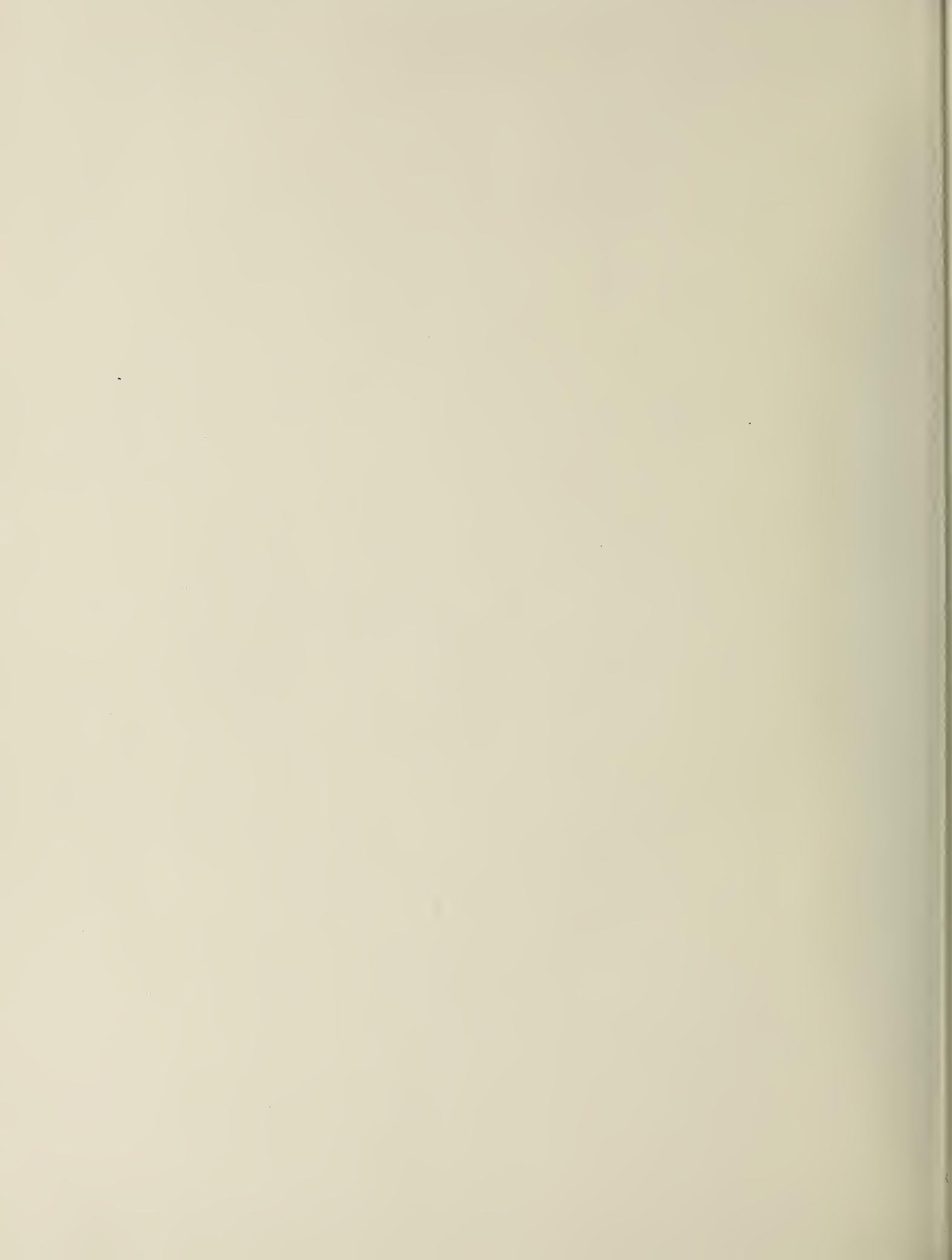


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